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## Tropical storm watch in effect

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A tropical storm watch was hoisted yesterday for Saipan, Tinian, Pagan, Agrihan, and Alamagan due to the possible effects of the Tropical Storm Cimaron.

As of 7pm yesterday, Aug. 19, the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, said that a typhoon warning remains in effect for Agrihan, Pagan and Alamagan. Destructive winds of 74 mph or more are expected this afternoon or evening.

A tropical storm watch remains in effect for Saipan and Tinian. Damaging winds of 39 to 73 mph are possible within the next 24 to 36 hours.

Tropical Storm Cimaron continues to move west-north-

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## Oversight sought on IPI

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Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) hopes the Legislature would do an oversight to shed light on issues surrounding the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, after last Friday's confusion brought by what the company described as a "partial

delay" in its payroll.

In a statement, IPI said that "transfer issues" caused the delay in the payroll but they had already paid over 2,000 of their hourly workers last Friday while all salary employees would be paid within the week.

"[IPI] intends to meet our obligations and asks for the

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## DOC settle inmates' suit

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Corrections Commissioner Vincent S. Attao and DOC director Gregory Castro have settled with William Kapon Mathewson and 13 other inmates to resolve the department's alleged failure to

provide them with adequate medical care.

» **As part of settlement, DOC now in process of hiring physician**

Mathewson is serving a 15-year prison term for stabbing a Rota physician with a fishing spear. The 13 other inmates are Steven Aguon, Ray Anthony Ba-

bauta, Joseph Barto, George

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The vandalized monument commemorating the creation of the Beach Road Pathway as a product of former governor Froilan C. Tenorio and the defaced monument missing a few letters.

ERWIN ENCINARES



## 'Revisit vandalism penalties'

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REPORTER

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang is so upset that he believes the Legislature should revisit the penalties for vandalism, soon after finding out that both markers erected in recognition of a former governor at both ends of the Beach Road Pathway had been desecrated.

Apatang urged the public to take care of historical monuments erected throughout the island since it helps beautify the CNMI. He further noted that the monuments were erected through taxpayer money.

"Please take care of those monuments and other things we put up. Those are money that we spend [out of the taxpayer's pocket]. Those are not

free," Apatang told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview in his office over the weekend.

He added that it was also highly disrespectful to former governor Froilan C. Tenorio, since he initiated the movement to build the beach road pathway during his tenure as the 4th CNMI governor from 1994 through 1998.

"We just dedicated the markers [to the former gover-

nor] about two months ago," Apatang recalled. "People should respect that. ...It is not bothering anybody."

Apatang doesn't have a suspect in mind relating to the vandalism, nor is he aware of when it occurred.

Two monuments commemorating the creation of the Beach Road pathway by naming it after the former governor were unveiled to the public just last June 19, 2018. The Department of

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# Local

## NDAA to bring in \$50M for Tinian

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The U.S. Air Force divert airfield projects would bring in a total of \$50.7 million to Tinian after President Donald J. Trump signed H.R. 5515 or the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019.

The CNMI government had already signed a programmatic agreement for the divert airfield on Tinian, which was chosen after a review under the National

Environmental Protection Act, the CNMI Final Environmental Impact System, and the series of meetings between local officials and their federal counterparts.

The \$46 million will fund the construction of a cargo pad and taxiway extension while the remaining money, \$4.7 million, will be used in building a maintenance support facility at the northern portion of the Tinian International Airport.

Section 2863 of the NDAA also prevents the U.S. De-

partment of Defense in building public infrastructure until an Economic Adjustment Committee submits a report to the U.S. Congress on what civilian projects could support all military activities. The EAC report is due in May of next year.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said on his website that U.S. Congress will wait for the report before making any decision whether to fund or not civilian infrastructures on Tinian or elsewhere in the Marianas.

"In all, the 2019 NDAA authorizes \$717 billion for defense spending for fiscal 2019. It raises military pay by 2.6 percent and increases troop levels across the Armed Forces by about 16,000," said Sablan.

Section 621 of the NDAA also gives eligible veterans and their caregivers access to morale, welfare, and recreation facilities in other parts of the world aside from the Saipan Exchange Store and all other military commissaries.

Purple Heart and Medal of Honor recipients, former prisoner of wars, and veterans that got injured while on service are the eligible veterans classified under Section 621. The new benefit takes effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

The NDAA will also extend the Military OneSource program by one year after separa-

tion or retirement from active military service from the current 180 days.

"The program helps with the transition from military to civilian life. Active-duty, National Guard, and reserve service members are eligible for the OneSource program, along with their families and survivors," added Sablan.

## SHRM's August meeting to feature Kilili

Delegate Gregorio C. Sablan (Ind-MP) will be the keynote speaker at the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter meeting this Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's



Sablan

Cabaret, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Sablan will share information about the newly enacted NMI U.S. Workforce Act, which extends the CNMI's foreign worker program's transition period and increases foreign worker permits for the next year and his proposed U.S. H.R. 6578 legislation, which intends to provide permanent immigration status for long-term foreign

workers in the CNMI. This presentation is open to the public. It includes the PIC lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members.

Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by email at [penelope.jones@hyatt.com](mailto:penelope.jones@hyatt.com) or Denise Montenegro at [denise.montenegro@hyatt.com](mailto:denise.montenegro@hyatt.com) or by telephone at 323-5867/68.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. For more information about the NMI Chapter, visit their website at [nmichapter.shrm.org](http://nmichapter.shrm.org). (SHRM)

## New canoe house unveiled

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Construction on the new canoe house in Susupe was officially done last Friday, with a blessing ceremony that signaled the project's completion.

The hut, owned by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, is part of the DCCA Seafaring program and is modeled after the traditional architecture of ancient Chamorro huts, made of the same materials used in

ancient times.

According to project coordinator John Castro, the project took five months to build with seven staff, which were all awarded plaques after the blessing ceremony.

Tony Pailug, a descendent of the great navigator Mau Pailug, told the media Friday that he and his men also worked on a canoe that will be housed in the hut. The keel of the canoe, he noted, is made from a monkey pod tree obtained in Chalan Galaide.

"This project is so important because in the ancient times there have been a problem with food and travelling. Nowadays we have problems with travelling... If we have a boat we can travel freely," he said.

In a brief conversation with Castro, he noted that the hut has yet to be officially named, but in the olden days, canoe houses were usually named for the village they were situated in.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who attended Friday's unveiling, noted that the cultural significance of the canoe house helps promote the CNMI to

tourists.

"...Our culture is what we have. It is our tourism. People come to our islands and, as natives here... it is important that we continue to promote [Chamorro and Refaluwasch] culture," said Torres. "It is important that we continue to move forward and it is important to teach our children our native culture. I am really proud to say that, in this administration, we do not just break ground."

The canoe house is located near the Naked Fish restaurant in Susupe.

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# Cable failure triggers 3-hour islandwide power outage

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A high voltage cable failure at Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico, Saipan, last Friday afternoon triggered an islandwide power outage.

The outage also interrupted water service to China Town, Upper Mihaville Estate in Garapan, and in As Falipe, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

A CUC Customer Call Center staff told *Saipan Tribune* that the outage lasted three hours.

In a public advisory, CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said that CUC experienced an islandwide power outage last Friday at 1:37pm due to the failure of a high voltage cable at Power Plant 4, which cut off the power supply to the power plant. As a result, it tripped Kiya 2 and Feeders 4 and 7.

Camacho said this triggered the protective devices at Power Plant 1 in Lower Base, tripping the remaining feeders and resulting in the islandwide power outage. CUC then did repairs to energize the power system.

As of Friday at 2:40pm, feeders 2, 3, and 4 have been restored.

In a separate advisory, Camacho said due to the power interruption, water pumps were unable to pump water into the water tanks throughout the island, thereby limiting available water supply to meet consumer demand.

He said the volume of the tanks should reach critical level late Friday night.

CUC then expected water services to return to normal by 6am last Saturday.

In his recent report to CUC board, Camacho disclosed that for the month of June this year, a total of 17 scheduled and unscheduled outages were recorded and accounted for approximately 45 hours of lost revenue.

Camacho said of the 17 outages, eight scheduled outages were made and accounted for 35 hours of lost revenue.

He said all eight scheduled outages were a result of task performed for maintenance purposes and CUC's pole replacement tasks.

He said the monthly average for scheduled outages in 2017 was five outage events, with a total duration of 19 hours.

Camacho said in an effort to minimize the revenue loss from scheduled power out-

ages, engineers are utilizing isolation devices such as air break switches, jumper cables, and transformer cut-outs to isolate and minimize areas with lost power service.

He said a total of nine unscheduled outages were recorded and resulted in 10 hours of lost revenue.

He said the unscheduled outages were a combination of feeder and later outages and were a result of unregulated overcurrent faults.

CUC recorded that the monthly average for unscheduled outages in 2017 was six outage events with a total duration of eight hours.

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## Frica backs Torres-Palacios

Former senator Maria Frica T. Pangelinan has thrown her support behind the gubernatorial tandem of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), citing their type of leadership.

Pangelinan ran and won as a Democrat in the 2005 senatorial race where she topped the 3rd Senatorial District. She became the CNMI's first female senator and served only one term, 15th Commonwealth Legislature, and chose not to run for reelection.

She thanked the CNMI for

giving her the chance to serve as the first female senator and is encouraging all women in the CNMI to vote for the Torres-Palacios ticket.

Despite being a Democrat, Pangelinan said she is free to choose whom to support in the coming elections. "Just as the other Democrats have made their choices to go public and endorse individual candidates, I also announce my choice."

She said the combined experience of both Torres and Palacios is the leadership that the CNMI needs. "Gov. Tor-

res and Sen. Palacios have long served the CNMI people. Both have years of experience in government."

"They have the insight and knowledge to continue to shape the future of our Commonwealth. We need to keep them in office. They acknowledge our concerns for the future. They understand the needs of our business community."

Pangelinan said Torres and the Legislature's efforts managed to reduce the financial obligations that hounded the CNMI government, like the NMI Retirement Fund. [They] made it possible for our retirees to receive their 100 per-

cent pension benefit."

"He [Torres] had to make tough decisions to get our CNMI government out of financial crisis to fund the retirement obligations."

She added that the government retirees should keep this in mind when they vote on Nov. 6. "Gov. Torres made your 100 percent payment pension possible."

Pangelinan said the administration managed to reduce the deficit, reduced long-term obligations, and judgment payments are being made.

"Overall, the government's financial state today shows that Gov. Torres is the more

effective steward of our government's funds. ...Let's congratulate Gov. Torres for his

efforts to revive our economy and manage our growth successfully." (*Jon Perez*)

## 3 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Grotto Cave, Hidden Beach, and Old Man By the Sea beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal

indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (*DEQ*)

## DOC

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Cruz, Donald Hocog, Nena Langu, Wei Lin, Joaquin Lizama, Daniel Mauricio, Carlos Ramangmau, Alfredo Reyes, Price Shoiter, and Xinqiang Zheng.

The inmates are suing Attao and Castro in federal court for allegedly providing them inadequate medical care and mental health treatment, and subjecting them to solitary confinement.

The inmates alleged that they were subjected to excessive solitary confinement, in violation of the 8th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

The settlement deal, however, does not mean that Attao and Castro are admitting liability. They dispute the inmates' claims.

Attao, Castro, and the 14 inmates inked the settlement

agreement.

Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc. legal counsel Jeanne H. Rayphand is representing the inmates. Assistant attorney general Hessel E. Yntema is counsel for Attao and Castro.

Following the settlement, Rayphand and Yntema asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice. That means the inmates can no longer refile the case.

The settlement resolves the issues of medical care, mental health care, dental care, eye care, medications, sanctions matter, records, and DOC rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Attao and Castro disclosed that they are in the process of hiring a physician to provide on-site medical care at the prison beginning Sept. 1, 2018.

Attao and Castro have agreed to set an appointment for each of the 14 plaintiffs to

be examined and treated by a physician on or before Sept. 15, 2018.

If hiring the physician is delayed, each of the 14 inmates will be scheduled for an appointment with another medical doctor on or before Oct. 1, 2018.

If an appointment is not available before the Oct. 1, 2018, one shall be made as soon as possible after.

The physician shall be asked to examine and prescribe treatment and care for the following inmates:

■ Aguon, for shoulder pain, tonsilitis, joint pain, and heart condition.

■ Hocog for injuries and pain in his feet.

■ Langu for back pain.

■ Lin for head injury and continuing pain.

■ Lizama for back pain and pain in elbows and knees.

■ Ramangmau for seizures and injuries received during seizures.

■ Shoiter for continuing pain in his knees and shoulders.

■ Zheng for injured knees causing pain.

On mental health care, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has recently employed a psychiatrist.

Attao and Castro shall, among other terms, schedule an appointment with the psychiatrist for Aguon and Mathewson to be examined and treated as soon as possible but no later than Oct. 1, 2018. If an appointment is not available that date, one shall be made as soon after.

Attao and Castro shall also schedule an appointment with a dentist for Babauta, Barto, Hocog, Ramangmau, Reyes, and Shoiter to be examined within 60 days. Attao and Castro have agreed to provide continuing dental care.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## STORM

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west at 14 mph but tropical storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours within the Marianas. Cimaron is expected to make a slight turn toward the northwest with little change in forward speed over the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds have increased to 50 mph. Tropical Storm Cimaron is forecast to intensify today.

A flash flood watch also remains in effect for Guam and the Northern Marianas due to heavy downpours that could produce 4 to 8 inches of rain through Wednesday.

Tropical storm force winds

extend outward from the center up to 145 miles on the eastern semicircle and up to 100 miles on the western semicircle.

Because of the anticipated threat of Tropical Storm Cimaron, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has "maintained" Tropical Storm Condition III for the islands of Saipan and Tinian and is "maintaining" Typhoon Condition II for the islands of Agrihan, Pagan and Alamagan as of 8pm last night.

Typhoon Condition II means that destructive winds of 74 mph or more are possible within 24hrs.

Tropical Storm Condition III means that damaging winds of 39mph to 73 mph are possible in the next 36 to

48 hours.

Mariners are encouraged to make all necessary preparations to return to port, seek safe harbor, and secure their craft. Residents of affected areas are also encouraged to avoid interisland travel by boat through Tuesday.

The NWS is urging residents of affected areas review their preparedness plan and be ready to implement it should a warning be issued.

As of 2pm yesterday, the center of Tropical Storm Cimaron was located about 390 miles east of Saipan, 400 miles east of Tinian, 405 miles east-southeast of Alamagan, 450 miles east-southeast of Agrihan, and 480 miles east-northeast of Guam. The storm was

moving northwest at 8 mph, with a strength of 45 mph.

Tropical Storm Cimaron will slowly intensify and could possibly become a typhoon today. Cimaron is expected to maintain a west-northwest track through Tuesday.

Cimaron could also bring dangerous surf of up to 10 or 12 feet.

In other news, at 10:27am yesterday, an 8.2 magnitude earthquake occurred around the Fiji region. NWS said that there was no tsunami threat for the CNMI.

"Currently, there are no reports of injuries or damages and no tsunami warnings or advisories were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center," the NWS advisory stated.

Maybe increase the penalties imposed," he said. Apatang recalled another incident at the Sugar King Park, where the former Saipan mayor Juan Tudela's monument was defaced.

"I don't know why they did that, and it was the second time," he noted, adding that his office is planning to repaint the whole place.

## REVISIT

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Public Works project marks the beginning and the end of the 5-kilometer pathway.

The marker closer to Garapan was completely defaced, with all the letters removed by an unknown culprit. The letters were supposed to read,

"Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway." The marker closer to Susupe was defaced similarly but to a very low extent in comparison. The Susupe marker was missing only two letters compared to the Garapan marker's letters, which were completely removed.

Currently, according to Apatang, vandalism of public

monuments is against the law. But in order for the law to be enforced, the culprit may only be held accountable if caught red-handed.

Because of this drawback, Apatang believes that the Legislature should revisit the provision.

"[The Legislature] should revisit it to see what we could do to make it stricter.

the *Saipan Tribune*, CCC vice chair Joseph Reyes said that commission chair Juan Sablan had already inquired about the issue with IPI. "We don't speculate on things until we have all the facts. There are always two sides in every story."

"The employees were paid accordingly and the money transfer just came in late. We will still see what happens with this issue. We [CCC] takes things seriously and we're on top of it," he added.

### Silent hill

Propst said the casino commission's "silence" as well as that of other officials is a concern. "I'm just wondering why we have [yet] to hear from the executive director [Edward Deleon Guerrero]. I'm hoping to hear what he has to say from these issues. We never hear them [CCC]."

"They are supposed to be regulating the casino, but we haven't seen much taking in place. [There's] total silence also when Pacific Rim [Contractors] laid off its workers—including locals where I'm told that 200 lost their jobs. They are out there looking for jobs."

"Why are we not hearing from any of our government agencies? We haven't heard. There's total silence on the hill. I don't hear our colleagues talking or asking questions, like nothing's happening," added Propst.

Propst said it appears that IPI is having difficulties in settling its financial obligations. "They still owe GPPC [Inc.], they owe several other—even small vendors—that they haven't been able to pay. They missed payroll and were only able to pay their hourly workers and not their managers."

"[That's] not to mention that they no longer do business with Pacific Rim. Pacific Rim is reportedly owed \$16 million. They can correct me if I'm wrong in that figure but I know what is owed is in the millions," he added.

He said that construction materials have also become a problem. "I'm hearing now that IPI is having difficulty in trying to bring in construction materials because they haven't paid the vendor that they have been doing business with."

## IPI

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community's continued support, patience and understanding," added the IPI statement.

In a separate memorandum sent earlier to IPI employees, it quoted IPI chief executive officer Henry Cheang as saying that they regret the inconvenience caused by the problem. "IPI regrets the inconvenience and any hardship this payroll delay causes for you and your loved ones."

"IPI's Human Resources department and your supervisors will immediately inform all of you as soon as possible via email or text as the circumstances dictate, which will include whether paychecks will be issued only in paper form for all employees, including those who have direct deposit," added Cheang.

Propst said the House Gaming committee, chaired by Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), has the power to call for an oversight and look into certain things that involves the casino.

"[But] that would be up to their [House Gaming Committee's] discretion. Aside from the Legislature, we already have a proper regulating agency and that is the Commonwealth Casino Commission. But the Legislature needs to consider doing an oversight because there's a lot of unanswered questions," said Propst.

In a separate post on social media, Propst cited the difficulty of obtaining any statement from the commission.

### CCC to look into matter

Deleon Guerrero, in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, said they would schedule a meeting with casino commission officials this week to seek answers.

"First of all, I'm not even going to dignify that request for an oversight by responding to it. We will look into the matter, yes. We will meet with CCC this week and then we will find out what's going on and from there, determine what course of action is appropriate," said Deleon Guerrero.

In a separate interview with



# 9th Circuit affirms Manglona ruling in Flores' lawsuit

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the federal court's ruling that denied Derron G. Flores' request to substitute him as plaintiff in the \$40-million lawsuit that his late mother filed against a bank and its former employees.

The Ninth Circuit judges agreed with U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona that Cecilia Flores' tort

claims were extinguished once she died.

Citing the CNMI Supreme Court's decision in *Indalecio v. Yarofalir*, Ninth Circuit judges said the decision in that case is controlling.

In the *Indalecio* case, the Ninth Circuit judges said, the court interpreted the Commonwealth Code, which provides for the survival of tort claims upon the tortfeasor's death, but does not speak to the survival of claims where the tort victim dies.

The judges said the court

"assume[d] that the Legislature's silence here was not an oversight, but a calculated decision," and ruled that "the NMI has no statute which preserves a tort victim's after his death."

The Ninth Circuit judges said the *Indalecio* ruling makes clear that Cecilia Flores' tort claims did not survive her death, and that they are bound by that decision.

The judges said that Der-



Manglona

ron Flores' attempt to distinguish *Indalecio* is unavailing. They said *Indalecio*'s interpretation of CNMI law is not limited to wrongful death torts or injuries to the person.

The case was originally filed by Cecilia Flores in the CNMI Superior Court. It was moved to the federal court.

Cecilia Flores sued Union Bank and its two former employees over a bank man-

ager's alleged unauthorized release of Donald Flores' money several years prior to his death. The money was from Donald Flores' \$200,000 time certificate of deposit with Union Bank and was released to a person representing him.

Cecilia Flores alleged that Union Bank fraudulently "allowed an impostor to redeem her 1993 certificate of deposit and hid that fundamental material fact...all these years."

Both Cecilia Flores and her husband, former Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, who bought the certificate of deposit, died while the lawsuit was pending.

Derron Flores, the son and only known child of the Flores couple, attempted to substitute as plaintiff.

In an April 2016 order de-

nying Derron Flores' request to substitute, Manglona ruled that Cecilia Flores' claims were extinguished when she died in September 2015. Manglona also dismissed Cecilia Flores' lawsuit.

Derron, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, then appealed to the Ninth Circuit to reverse Manglona's ruling.

In November 2017, federal jurors favored Union Bank in Derron Flores' separate lawsuit to collect the \$200,000 certificate of deposit.

The jurors found that Donald Flores and Union Bank did enter into a contract. The jurors, however, determined that Derron Flores failed to prove that Union Bank breached the contract by failing to do something that the contract had required it to do without a valid excuse.

## EPA inspector: CUC improves 24-hour water service on Saipan in short term

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is currently adopting many of its drinking water and wastewater master plan recommendations, improving 24-hour service in the short term, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency inspector John Tinger.

Tinger stated, though, that CUC has not committed to full implementation of the master plan to ensure 24-hour water in the long term.

Bradley R. O'Brien, senior lawyer of the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section, submitted Tinger's declaration last week before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

The master plan requires CUC to fund and implement necessary improvements and maintain the utility.

That commitment includes ensuring that stipulated order 1 and 2 projects are maintained in future years, do not fall into disrepair, and continue to function as designed, Tinger said.

The SO1 and 2 projects that Tinger was referring to include CUC pipeline, tanks 102 and 103, secondary containment, the proposed incinerator, the Agingan and Sadog Tasi wastewater treatment facilities, and improvement made toward providing 24-hour drinking water service.

SO1 focuses on drinking water and wastewater and the restructuring of CUC's organization. It requires CUC to have an EPA-approved drinking water and wastewater master plan to determine infrastructure needs and to provide a long-term plan for CUC's drinking water and wastewater system improvements.

SO2 focuses on oil issues and applies to oil spills and the remediation of the contaminated power plants.

Tinger said the master plan provides a roadmap to 24-hour water supply throughout Saipan.

He said the master plan contains quantifiable milestones for capital improvement projects and identifies critical needs for the system over the next 20 years based on prioritized rankings and hydraulic capacities.

Several key recommendations include the creation of



Tinger

a new "East" Tank Service Area and a "West" Tanks Service Area, improvements to the water transmission system at the Agag and Marpi wells, and booster station improvements at the Maui IV, Agag, Donnie Springs, Isley II, and Kagman.

EPA has funded the development of the master plan with over \$3.3 million in grant funding. EPA conditionally approved the draft

master plan in 2016.

Tinger said EPA did not fully approve CUC draft master plan because CUC did not commit to fund and implement the master plan requirements.

He said that, last July 19, CUC provided a response that was inadequate to address EPA's comments for conditional approval of the master plan.

"To date, CUC has not provided a sufficient response to EPA's conditional approval," Tinger said.

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# Drug court sees 99-percent success rate

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REPORTER

In less than two years, the CNMI Drug Court has shown much progress, with nearly a 100-percent success rate.

During a weekly drug court hearing Thursday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio said that, although the drug court program is fairly new, it has

been able to post a 99.9-percent success rate.

"Right now, [the success rate] is 99.9-percent because everyone is graduating minus the one that was terminated...were still very new, so as we progress we'll know better," she said.

Around 50 participants are enrolled in the program right now.

Since the program started in

2016, there had been roughly around 60 participants, five graduates, and just one termination, Kim-Tenorio said.

When asked about graduates falling back into old drug habits, Kim-Tenorio said that there have not been any since the first batch of graduates and she is hoping it will stay that way.

According to her, the program is meant to help addicts

who have committed crimes due to their addiction. The drug court aims to treat the addiction instead of convicting the individual in order to reduce recidivism.

"They commit crimes because it's driven by their addiction. So we arrest the addiction, basically treat them, and hope that they don't commit another crime in the future," she said.

In a previous conversation Kim-Tenorio had with Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, he said that drug-related crimes in the CNMI have been decreasing and they attribute it to the drug court program's success.

"There are less drug-related crimes. They're already seeing a decrease in drug-related crimes and he attributes a lot of that to the drug court...that's the reward," she said.

In the past year, the drug court has proven to be the

cheaper and better alternative for individuals who have committed drug-related crimes.

"Here in the CNMI, it costs \$31,000 a year to house one inmate...but with the drug court, it's costing us anywhere between \$7,500 to \$9,000 to treat a person in the span of two years and, when they graduate they won't go back to prison...we treat the whole person, we get them ready for society," Kim-Tenorio said.

## Triple J signs on as MINA Green Gala sponsor

Triple J Saipan, Inc. has signed on as a title sponsor of the annual Green Gala of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, with a check presentation at the Surf Club Restaurant in Chalan Kanoa last week.

Representatives of Triple J Saipan and MINA came together to discuss common concerns and priorities about the challenges currently facing the Marianas.

"The environment and conservation of our islands' natural beauty is a priority that Triple J is proud to support, and we feel that MINA's programs are a great asset in creating an awareness of the importance of keeping our land and sea litter free," said Mike Sablan of Triple J.

Dave Guerrero, treasurer of MINA's board of directors, expressed the organization's appreciation and commitment to the environment. "MINA is grateful for the continued



From left, Mario Valentino, superintendent of Triple J Construction; Wayne Dawe, Tasi Watch lead ranger; Becky Furey, program manager; Roberta Guerrero, executive director; Daniel Kaipat, Tasi Watch ranger; Mikki Kautz, Program Coordinator; Tracy Guerrero, corporate controller of Triple J Saipan, Inc.; Somia Quan, MINA vice-chair; Frank Ada, human resources director of Triple J Saipan, Inc.; Dave Guerrero, MINA board treasurer; Galina Iakinova, Assistant general manager of Surfrider Resort Hotel; Bernie Servito, computer systems analyst of Triple J Saipan, Inc.; and Maria Valentina Haberman, marketing manager of Triple J Saipan, Inc.

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support of Triple J Saipan. It is MINA's mission to look after the health of our environment and I'm glad that this esteemed company supports our efforts! Thank you to them and to everyone else who supports us."

Triple J corporate controller Tracy Guerrero said: "The Jones' family cares deeply about our community and our

environment. They wholeheartedly support MINA's efforts and look forward to partnering with them to care for our beaches and ocean."

Triple J Saipan, Inc. is also one of MINA's Adopt-a-Bin sponsors, another program that supports MINA's mission to empower communities to work together to con-

serve the environment.

The company plans to participate in the International Coastal Cleanup hosted by the Division of Coastal and Resource Management on Sept. 15, and will be cleaning up the beach from Laly 4 to Lino Olopai's beachfront.

"We thought it to be an opportunity time to take part in a

community service as well as spend the afternoon enjoying the beach with our fellow colleagues and families," said Frank Ada, Triple J's director of Human Resources.

Tickets for the Green Gala are available now at the MINA office or from board members. Call MINA at 233-7333 for more information. (MINA)

## Education Summit eyes long-term education plan

By **ERWIN ENCINARES**  
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REPORTER

The first-ever education summit in the CNMI aims to, among other objectives, build a long-term education plan in the Commonwealth.

According to a statement from the Northern Marianas College, *Saipan Tribune* learned that representatives from NMC, the Public School System, the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Department of Commerce, and the CNMI Scholarship Office have been working together in the past few months to hammer out the details of the CNMI Education Summit.

The summit, which would be held on Sept. 6 to Sept. 8, 2018, at the Saipan World Resort aims to "lay the foundation of a long-term education plan for the CNMI" through a forum where key issues such as occupational and career trends, along with the building of economic and education opportunities, are discussed.


"The summit will also include presentations from the Commonwealth Development Authority and other groups," the statement from NMC noted, adding that "key workforce data" would be presented, including job trends in the CNMI.

While there is no fee to attend the summit, NMC reminds the public that seats are limited and encourages those interested in attending the summit to register through the website at [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu) as early as now.

NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez expressed her gratitude toward the summit planning committee, who have invested their "time and energy" to ensure the "success of the Education Summit."

"We are looking forward to engaging all stakeholders and partner agencies to formulate a plan that will guide the long-term education landscape of the CNMI," she said in a statement to *Saipan Tribune*.

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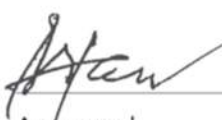
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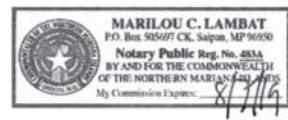
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM, in waters Around Guam

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 today, Aug. 20, from noon to 7pm, and tomorrow, Aug. 21, from 10am to 2pm.

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla from Aug. 20-26, from 7am to 11pm.

Training will also take place in waters near Guam, west of Apra Harbor within a five-mile nautical radius, on Aug. 21, from noon to 10pm, and on Aug. 23-24, from 10pm to 12:30am.

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use. The general location of the training on FDM will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. **(PR)**

### Jury selection today cancelled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel "17CS" and "17ES" that the jury selection scheduled for today, Aug. 20, 2018, at 8:30am at the U.S. District Court, Horiguchi Building, Garapan, Saipan, is cancelled until further notice. For further information contact the Office of the Clerk of Court, Superior Court at 236-9703. **(PR)**

### Video presentation on Amelia Earhart

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Monument, Inc. Group will be featuring a special video presentation on Amelia Earhart at the American Memorial Park on Aug. 23, Thursday, at 7pm. Admission is free and all are invited. This video will feature our Chamorro elders who have seen Amelia Earhart here on Saipan in 1937. Come, listen and talk stories about a woman who opened doors, opportunities, set records, and impacted the world, the U.S., Pacific region, Micronesia, and Saipan. Another presentation will be announced at a later date for the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. **(PR)**

### Education Summit in September

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is inviting its members to be a part of a gathering of the Commonwealth's educational and workforce stakeholders, leaders, agencies, advocates, and policy makers as they discuss the future of education and workforce development in CNMI.

The 2018 Education Summit, organized by representatives of the Northern Marianas College, Public School System, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Department of Labor,

Department of Commerce, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, CNMI Scholarship Office, and other agencies, will be held on Sept 6-8, 2018, at the Saipan World Resort.

The summit aims to lay the foundation of a long-term education plan for the CNMI by providing a forum where key issues like identifying occupational and career trends and building economic and educational opportunities can be discussed.

There is no fee to attend the Education summit; however, seats are limited. Register as soon as possible by visiting [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu) (and click on the Education Summit graphic). For more information, email [victoria.dlguerrero@marianas.edu](mailto:victoria.dlguerrero@marianas.edu). **(PR)**

### Veterans affairs visit to Saipan

A U.S. Department of Vet-

erans Affairs benefits counselor will be at the CNMI Military/Veterans Affairs Office on Sept. 5, 2018, from 9am to 4pm. The benefits counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The CNMI Military/Veterans Affairs Office is located at 1364 Anatahan Dr., Capital Hill, Saipan. If you have questions, contact Bernadita Dela Cruz at (670) 664-2650/2651. **(PR)**

### MHS back gate to be used

Marinas High School said the back gate (Texas Road) will be opened for student dropoff and pickup. Gates will be open for morning drop off during school days between 7:15am and 8:30am and after school pick up between 3:15pm and 4:30pm. When

using back entrance gate, parents are to make the first right turn upon entering the back gate. This will bring you to a loop around the gym where you can drop or pick up students. A guard will be present to direct traffic. **(PR)**

### Public library closed on Aug. 25

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, in celebration of CNMI Labor Day. The library will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018. For the latest news and events, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at [www.cnmilib.org](http://www.cnmilib.org) and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joetenkiyu. Follow us on Instagram @joetenkiyu. The library's hours of operation are as follows: from Tuesday to Friday,

from 10am to 6pm; Saturday, from 9am to 4pm; and closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays. **(PR)**

### MARC Gala set

The Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam will celebrate 50 years of growth as a cultural repository and library with an anniversary gala dinner on Aug. 21 at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort's Ocean Sirena Ballroom. Pro-

ceeds from the dinner will be used to fund scholarships for graduate students at UOG. Proceeds will also support future MARC projects, including the publication of a high-quality contemporary Guam history book, which will serve as a resource for Guam's students. To purchase tickets, contact Mye Ganan-Flores at (671) 482-6930 or [mye@triton.uog.edu](mailto:mye@triton.uog.edu) or Myracle Mugol at (671) 735-2957 or [myracle@uogendowment.org](mailto:myracle@uogendowment.org). **(PR)**

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## Interior OKs \$1.3M to protect coral reefs in insular areas

WASHINGTON, D.C.—More than \$1.34 million in fiscal year 2018 grant funding under the Coral Reef and Natural Resources initiative has been approved for the U.S. territories and the freely associated states.

Office of Insular Affairs director Nik Pula was in American Samoa this week to co-chair the 40<sup>th</sup> U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting where he announced the funding.

“[Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs] and I are pleased to provide these grants

to the U.S. territories and the freely associated states and help protect coral reefs and marine resources,” said Pula. “From rehabilitation of corals, to outreach, restoration, and removal of invasive species and pests, these projects support an important aspect economies and livelihood for people [on] the islands.”

■ American Samoa Coral Reef Advisory Group will get \$173,200 to restore and rehabilitate coral reefs at the Ofu-Olosega islands in American Samoa that have been damaged by an algae outbreak of *Valonia*

*fastigiata*. Project managers will be working closely with the National Park Service.

■ The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality in the CNMI will get \$166,949 to support several projects including participation in the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meetings; Laolao Watershed Management Plan Development; and the Coral Nursery Development Project.

■ The Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans will get \$220,231 to support several projects including Marine Tour Operator Workshop;

Coral Reef Management; Coral Reef Conservation Outreach and Education; 4) Removal of an invasive bamboo plant, *Bambusa vulgaris* from priority watershed areas; the Tasi Guides Program; and the geotechnical investigation of rainfall-induced landslides in Piti-Asan watershed.

■ The U.S. Virgin Islands Division of Coastal Zone Management will get \$122,791 to support coral restoration and coral nursery operations, and for its participation in U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meetings.

■ Women’s Aquaculture Farming Initiative, Republic of the Marshall Islands: \$134,582.

■ The Hawaii State Museum of Natural and Cultural History and the Palau International Coral Reef Center: \$185,503.

■ Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance: \$142,000 to support the Tasi Watch Ranger Program which was developed to build and strengthen CNMI youth and community’s involvement in management of coastal and near-shore marine resources. This project includes efforts to remove invasive *tangan tangan* trees, *leucocephala*, and restore native species of trees and plants

that were lost during Typhoon Soudelor in 2015.

Earlier this year, \$200,000 was provided to support the 2018-2020 National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program in American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Funds are made available through the Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs’ Coral Reef and Natural Resources Initiative. Applications are generally submitted from October through May 1st each year. Funds are awarded once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress until they are exhausted. **(DOI)**

## Kilili: ‘Let’s Read!’ hits 50,000th book

“Book number 50,000 is on its way to the Marianas.”

So said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), as he was delivering 35 boxes—about 850 books—to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Thursday afternoon.

Sablan and his congressional staff in Washington, D.C. have been selecting books from the Library of Congress for readers in the Marianas for the last nine years.

“We call it our ‘Let’s Read!’ project,” Sablan said. “We all pitch in, hand-picking books; and I just learned that our summer intern, Michael Ortizo, was the one who actu-

ally got us across the 50,000 mark on his final day in the office last week. That book is in shipment now.”

Since starting the “Let’s Read!” project during his first term in office, Sablan has donated reading material to every public school on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Public libraries, the Center for Independent Living, the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, the Department of Corrections, dialysis centers, and youth and senior centers have all received books, courtesy of the Library of Congress and Sablan.

“We do not yet know where book number 50,000 will be go-

ing,” said Sablan. “But we have book drops planned for Tanapag Middle School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, the Kagman Community Health Center, and the Tinian Teen Center in the next few weeks.”

Sablan gets many of his ideas for legislative work and other projects directly from listening to constituents. “When I first started work in Congress, a teacher asked me if there would be a way for the federal government to help us put more books into our libraries. It took a couple of months before I discovered, down in the basement of the Madison building of the Library of Congress, where all the extra books go,” he said.

The Library of Congress

receives as many as five copies of newly published books; and even the world’s largest library does not always have room for multiple copies.

“There were all those brand-new books, thousands of books, free for the taking,” Sablan remembers. “All we had to do was go through them to find books we thought would be useful to readers in the Marianas. Nine years later, we have selected 50,000.”

### Money for libraries

In addition to the ongoing “Let’s Read!” project, Sablan supports libraries as a member of Congress by making funding for the Library Services Technology Act one of his

regular annual appropriations requests. The Act is the only federal program that helps libraries go beyond their traditional role promoting literacy. The Act also helps libraries provide free public access to computers and the Internet, skills and career training, and reach underserved children through story time and summer reading programs.

Sablan is not alone in recognizing the importance of libraries. For fiscal year 2019, together with 135 of his colleagues, he requested a total of \$187.6 million be appropriated for library programs.

In 2010, before Congress banned earmarks, Sablan won a special appropriation

of \$200,000 for roof repairs and renovations of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. He also got \$100,000 in congressionally directed funding, as earmarks were officially called, for the Public School School System to buy books for school libraries.

Sablan earmarked another \$250,000 for the Chamorro and Refaluwasch language programs at PSS. And he included \$200,000 in Public Law 111-117 for books, equipment, and staff of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

He also pays for the cost of shipping the “Let’s Read!” books from the Library of Congress in Washington to the Marianas directly from his congressional office budget. **(PR)**



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Pursuant to Article III, Section 9 (c) of the CNMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature jointly announce that the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting to receive the **State of the Commonwealth Address**:

**Meeting:** Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
**First Joint Session**  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 10:00 AM  
**The Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio**  
**Location:** Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, Saipan

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-18

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (Authority) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal (the “RFP”), and other contract provisions, for proposals from qualified persons or firms to provide Risk Management and Consultant Services for the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225(a)).

Interested persons or firms are invited to submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of their proposals to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 07, 2018.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the “NMIC”). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning August 13, 2018, at the Executive Director’s Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The Authority at its sole discretion may cancel this RFP if it is deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

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# Schools in US territories get \$3M for maintenance needs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Grants totaling \$3 million for the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI have been approved to address critical deferred maintenance needs of schools.

The U.S. Department of the Interior identified these needs through the Insular Area Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms initiative. The grants are for the fiscal year 2018 Maintenance Assistance Program.

» **U.S. Virgin Islands funding helps address 2017 hurricane impacts on schools**

Doug Domenech, assistant Interior secretary for Insular and International Affairs, also announced grants to the U.S. Virgin Islands to address im-

pacts following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. Puerto Rico, while also a U.S. territory, is not eligible for this funding.

“Infrastructure and maintenance needs at schools in the U.S. territories outweigh the resources available,” said Domenech. “While [Interior] Secretary [Ryan] Zinke and I are happy to provide this assistance, we acknowledge that the need is greater and will

advocate for more assistance.”

Funding provided are as follows:

- American Samoa Department of Public Works: \$750,000 to upgrade bathroom facilities and upgrade electrical systems at schools in the Manu’atele District, including three on the island of Ta’u and one on Olosega.
- Guam Department of Education: \$750,000 to repair and replace canopies and make drainage improvements identified through the Insular ABC’s initiative. These projects, identified as addressing critical health and safety issues, are currently underway and will be completed this year.
- The Guam Internal Audit Office also received an additional \$34,579 to train and enhance GDOE audit and ac-

counting personnel skills and knowledge in monitoring, managing, and safeguarding local and federal funds.

- CNMI Public School System: \$750,000 to make electrical, mechanical, and plumbing improvements, as well as roof, door, window, and fire alarm replacements in the schools.
- U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Education Office of Instruction: \$750,000 for maintenance-related projects for schools in the St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix school districts damaged by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. Funds will support fiber optic and cyber-security training/certification; and provide equipment to increase resiliency in the face of extreme weather events such as backup

batteries, specialized vehicles, fiber and cable maintenance, server upgrade/support, and solar panels as back-up energy sources.

VIDE has received funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to repair school infrastructure damaged by the hurricanes as well as the Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations grant for the 2018-2019 school year.

Funds are made available through the Maintenance Assistance Program at the Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs. Applications are submitted annually from October through May 1 each year by the governments and other entities within the U.S. Insular Areas for consideration. Funds are awarded once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress until they are exhausted. (DOI)

# Submarine Squadron 15 holds change of command



Capt. Timothy Poe, right, relieves Capt. David Schappert, left, as commander, Submarine Squadron 15 during a change of command ceremony at the Naval Base Guam theater, Aug. 17.

SANTA RITA, Guam—Capt. Timothy J. Poe relieved Capt. David G. Schappert as commander, Submarine Squadron 15 during a ceremony hosted at the Naval Base Guam theater last Aug. 17.

Rear Adm. Daryl Caudle, commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the guest speaker for the ceremony and discussed the impact and importance of submarine forces in Guam.

“I rely daily on the submarines here in Guam to maintain their warfighting skills at peak readiness, capable of deploying at a moment’s notice,” said Caudle. “Your readiness is an indispensable part of my strategy [to significantly improve the lethality of our undersea enterprise].”

Caudle also remarked on the role as commodore of SUBRON 15 and Poe’s leadership abilities.

“Being the commodore of SUBRON 15 may be the best major command assignment in the Navy – certainly one of the most challenging,” said Caudle. “I know that [Tim is] ready to take Dave’s accomplishments to the next level. The talented SUBRON 15 team should be excited to serve under [his] strong and proven leadership.”

Caudle presented Schappert with a Legion of Merit

for his dedicated leadership of the Navy’s only forward-deployed submarine squadron and acknowledged his tremendous efforts.

“Rest assured that your service to the men and women of Submarine Squadron 15 was both significant, meaningful, and effective,” said Caudle. “You not only contributed deeply to keeping our nation safe, you changed the lives of the Sailors within your charge. You have the deep gratitude of myself, our Navy, and our nation.”

Schappert thanked the men and women of SUBRON 15 for being instrumental to the submarines’ accomplishments throughout his tenure.

“What we do out here at the tip of the spear in Guam is incredibly challenging, but it’s also incredibly rewarding,” he said. “My staff is exceptional, and they made my time in command significantly easier than it would have been without their dedication to our submarines.”

Schappert has led SUBRON 15 for approximately two years, during which Guam bid farewell to Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS *Chicago* and welcomed USS *Asheville*. He made significant, lasting improvements to submarine maintenance and operations in the Western Pa-

cific to support SUBRON’s four submarines and all Pacific Fleet submarines passing through Guam. Schappert improved warfighting readiness across the board through bold repair and upkeep initiatives, a balanced mentoring and oversight posture, and high standards in execution.

Schappert expressed his excitement for Team 15’s future with Poe at the helm.

“Tim, I’ve known you and worked with you for years,” said Schappert. “I can think of no one better prepared to lead this team through the challenges the future holds.”

Poe praised Schappert for the squadron’s success and thanked him for turning over a great command.

Poe’s sea tours include service as navigator aboard USS *Newport News*, executive officer aboard USS *Memphis*, and commanding officer of USS *Santa Fe* and USS *Key West*. His shore assignments include serving as the senior member of the Tactical Readiness Evaluation team at Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic and most recently as Deputy Commander for Mission Readiness at SUBRON 15.

Schappert will head to Washington, D.C., and work in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. (Submarine Squadron 15 Public Affairs)

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## Sick of increasingly hot summers? Well, they may just be warming up

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**S**outhern California sweated out record-setting triple-digit temperatures in July in places ranging from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Ana. That's Inland Empire heat in the L.A. Basin.

And 2018 is on track to be one of the hottest years since record-keeping began in 1880, fitting in with the past four years—2016 was the warmest year, 2015 the second-warmest, followed by 2017 and 2014. And 2016 was an El Nino year, as this year might prove to be (70 percent chance by winter) \_ El Ninos put upward pressure on temperatures.

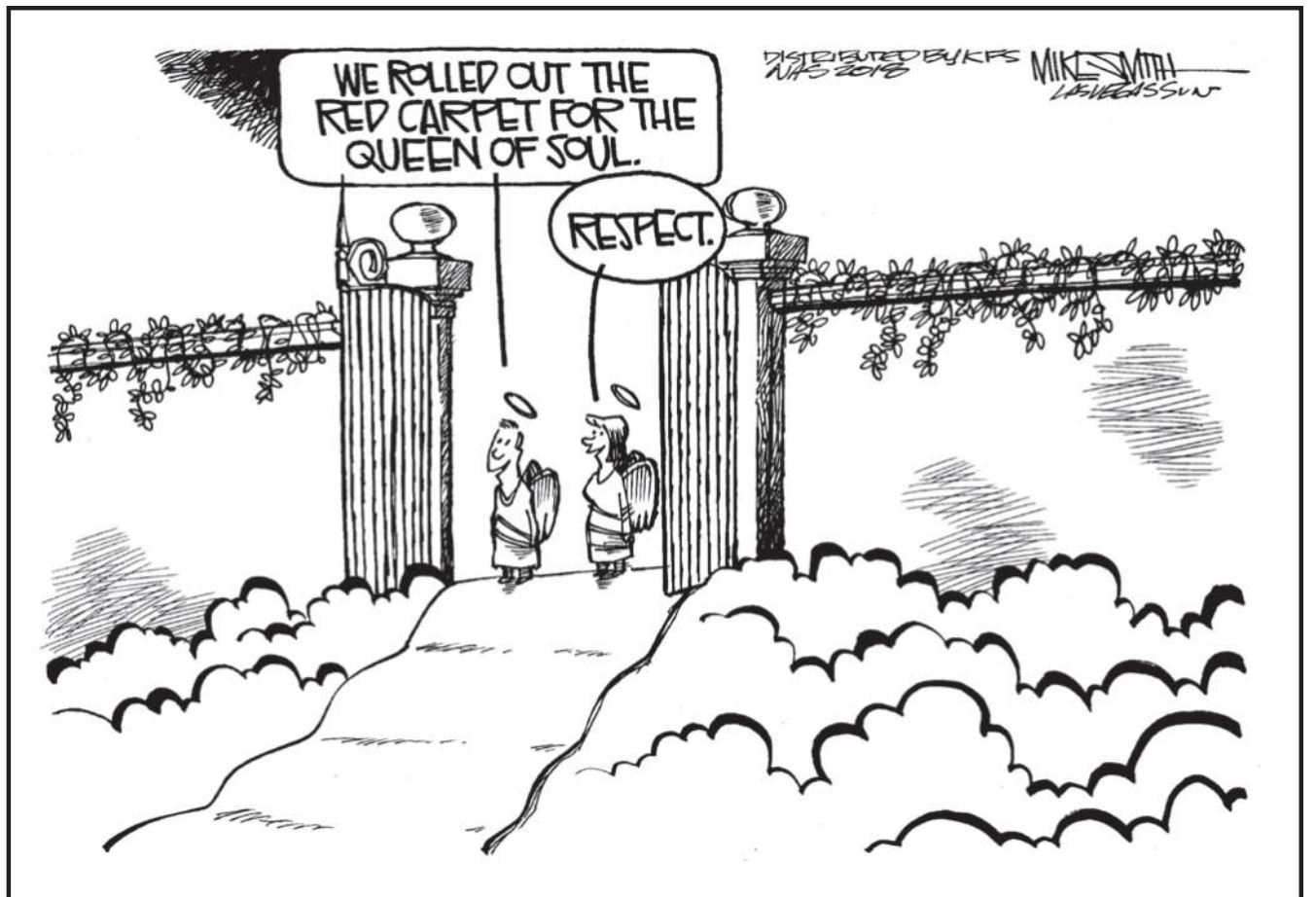
And now scientists are using a new probability formula say the next five years will likely be “anomalously warm.” Oh, goodie.

“For 2018-2022, the probabilistic forecast indicates a warmer than normal period, with respect to the forced trend,” according to an abstract of the report in the peer-reviewed Nature Communications journal. “This will temporarily reinforce the long-term global warming trend. The coming warm period is associated with an increased likelihood of intense to extreme temperatures.”

Global warming is tracked over longer time spans than a year, since temperatures are variable in the short term. And the long-term trends have seen increasingly warmer temperatures that have melted glaciers, reduced ice caps at the poles and Greenland, and altered surface weather patterns—witness California droughts and unusually intense hurricanes.

And yes, experts say we can't link global warming to specific weather events—we get hurricanes in the summer and fall, and drought and floods occur regularly. But experts also warn that global warming leads to more such weather extremes, which in turn can make certain local environments less habitable for native plants and animals. A warming and acidifying ocean destroys coral reefs. Extended droughts in western mountains kill trees either outright or by making them more vulnerable to bark beetles and other fatal pests.

And then there's the Arctic, which has seen astoundingly high temperatures for what is usually a frozen world. While some areas remained deeply cold, other places saw temperatures 43 degrees warmer than usual—and above freezing for several consecutive days. The maximum reach of the ice cap—which grows in winter and shrinks in summer—was near record lows, a function, according to one theory, of

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## Aretha Franlin, Queen of Soul, is dead—long live the queen

By **WILLIAM NESBITT**  
ORLANDO SENTINEL

**I**n 1967, promoter Pervis Spann placed a crown on Aretha Franklin's head and recognized her as the Queen of Soul. The accolade is easily justified. She has 112 charting singles \_ more than any other female artist \_ 18 Grammy Awards, 42 albums, and has sold over 75 million records worldwide. In 1987, she became the first female to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In 2008, Rolling Stone named her the greatest female singer ever.

The awards and honors kept coming. In 2005, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which, along with the Congressional Gold Medal, is the highest civilian award. There exists a picture of her seated between fellow recipients Robert Conquest and Alan Greenspan, who look more suited for a funeral in their white shirts, ties and dark suits. Aretha sits in a fuchsia skirt and jacket, classy but expressive, wiping away a tear.

In 2015 she performed “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman” at the Kennedy Center Honors and brought then-President Barack Obama to tears. After her performance, he said, “Nobody embodies more fully the connection between the African-American spiritual, the blues, R&B, rock and roll \_ the way that hardship and sorrow were transformed into something full of beauty and vitality and hope.”

She refused to fly for more than 30 years. That's one of the reasons why, when she came to the Fabulous Fox Theatre in Atlanta on Nov. 8, 2014, I had to go.

I find my seat, SLA Q 1. It's the last row in the next-to-last section, but there are no seats in front of me and it sits exactly in the center. The one section behind me was “heaven,” the segregated section and farthest from the stage. A short wall still separates it from the other sections, and it has its own bathrooms. An older, well-dressed gentleman seated to my left talks with me about having seen her back in the day at a club in Atlanta with

only 300 people because “that's the only place she could play.” Tonight, though, it's all about unity.

There is no opening act. It is all Aretha with a 21-piece band, one member of whom she tells us is B.B. King's cousin. Before she came to the stage, someone brought her purse and placed it next to the piano, a throwback to the days when Aretha held and collected her money upfront and in cash to avoid being ripped off by unscrupulous promoters.

Although 72 at the time, she looks, sounds and moves like a woman at least two decades younger. I can't say how she compares to herself decades ago, but it is obvious she still has it.

She paces herself, performing clusters of about three songs, going backstage while the band jams for a bit, and returning in a new outfit.

One of her outfits is an elegant white dress. She comes floating to us in a blizzard of sound, a cloud of regality \_ a diva in the best and truest sense of the word. She takes us to church for about an hour and a half, running through her songbook of hits, classics, covers, and surprises, singing and playing piano on tracks such as “Chain of Fools,” “Rolling in the Deep,” “Ain't No Mountain High Enough” and “You Send Me.” She plays “Freeway of Love” and then closes with “Respect.”

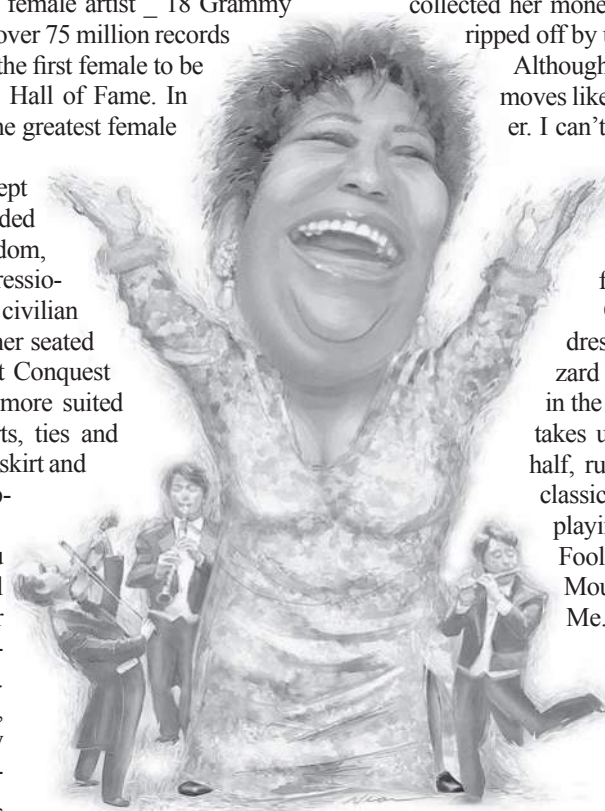
In between songs, she tells stories of her ties to Atlanta, her brother going to Morehouse College, and makes vague reference to recent health problems that may substantiate earlier reports that she

had pancreatic cancer.

Just a couple of years later, she announced her retirement from touring in 2017. Though she said she will still sing live for select events, her last performance was in 2017.

We mourn her death, but remember that Asteroid 249516 Aretha was named in her honor in 2014. As her spirit makes its voyage, she'll be on the other side of the sky with the strongest stars. Right where she has always been. Right where she has always belonged. Shine on, bright star.

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## A Holocaust denier is running for Congress. One of his constituents would be Auschwitz prisoner No. 27,276.

In an unassuming bungalow in Chicago's Garfield Ridge neighborhood, a woman approaches her 90th birthday. She lives simply but fully, appreciative of 49 years of marriage, two children, her faith. And her country.

She searches for words, occasionally relying on her native language, Polish, to tie together her thoughts while grasping the arm of a visitor. Across from her sits a friend, John Aranza, as she recounts details of her life.

Her story is flowing now. It comes in rapid breaths. It comes through grimaces. Her eyes water once or twice but not when she speaks of leaving her farm in Poland at the age of 14 and being transported to a place called Auschwitz. Not when she mentions the sour soup, the icy barracks, the fenced-off field where putrid smells arose at nighttime.

She doesn't tear up when she speaks of being separated from her mother, her only family member at the concentration camp, or of walking for two weeks through frozen fields and nearly barefoot to Bergen-Belsen, a camp even more crowded and starved than the one she left. There, toward the end of the war and almost four years older, she huddled with teachers and doctors and professors, all prisoners, and prayed the rosary with beads made of tiny balls of bread.

She doesn't cry when she mentions her friend who worked in the kitchen, badly beaten with a stick for sneaking a bite of potato.

No, her voice cracks when she mentions the United States, her home, and her frustration at those who will never appreciate the gift of it.

"It's such a good country," she says, her face twisting. "If I

make it, with no education, no penny, everyone can make it. They kill each other and for what?"

Across Harlem Avenue and a few miles north, a man she does not know is running for Congress. He wants to be her representative in the U.S. House. He managed to emerge as the Republican nominee in the 3rd Congressional District. His name is Arthur Jones. He is a Nazi sympathizer and Holocaust denier who believes the stories of torture and death of more than 6 million Jews during World War II are grossly exaggerated. He is incapable of confronting his own vulgarity in saying so.

She was prisoner No. 27,276. The tattoo on her left forearm near her elbow is a bluish stain that once drew laughter and humiliation at a Chicago department store where employees didn't understand what it meant. Her mother, her only family member who also was stuffed on a freight train and sent to Auschwitz, bore the tattoo of one number higher, 27,277. They were a pair on that day, before her mother got sick.

The woman is quiet, perhaps stunned, when she learns a man running for Congress denies Nazis committed genocide against millions of Jews and families like hers who happened to own a farm with cows and chickens valuable to the Gestapo. The Nazi occupation of Poland that began in 1939 ripped apart families and took their everything.

As the occupation intensified, her family—parents, two sisters and a baby brother sick with the measles—escaped into the woods in 1942 with other families, some of whom burrowed into the dirt to hide. The soldiers found them anyway.

Her family was separated. She and her mother, both sturdy and tall, were forced into a truck and then a train car, along with a neighbor.

Of Auschwitz, she remembers the feel of the blanket she was given to survive in the unheated barracks. By the early morning wake-up whistle, it was stiff with her breath. She remembers the morning tea that some suspected was poisoned. She remembers the stinky, watery soup made of the skins of "brukiew," or rutabagas. When she sees the dark yellowish root vegetable at the grocery store even now, she hustles in the other direction.

She remembers the despair. She describes her shoes—wooden bottoms with tops made of rags. She spent two years and five months

By **KRISTEN MCQUEARY**

Chicago Tribune

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at Auschwitz working, first separating the items of new prisoners stripped of their clothes, then digging ditches before being forced into the snow for a miserable two-week hike to Bergen-Belsen.

She remembers months later when the Allies liberated it. Soldiers helped her out of a tree where she had climbed to make a celebratory bouquet of leaves and twigs.

It would be years before she reunited with her family. They all survived. Many of them remained in Poland.

Not her. She sailed to the United States in 1951 with a husband she had married in Germany and their 3-year-old daughter. Helped by a Polish organization in Chicago, they settled in a small apartment on the South Side. They had no money, were desperate for work and dealt with no running water and a fire-place to cook their food.

Eventually they each found jobs. They had another child. They lived a simple—grateful—life without vacations, without credit cards, without stuff. They worked opposite shifts at meat factories and bread companies, always working long hours for little pay while raising their children.

Her husband died more than 20 years ago. She is a grandma. This country is her greatest blessing. She shudders at the thought of someone, a candidate for elected office in her district, just down the road, believing that the Holocaust was a hoax. "It happened. I was there," she says.

But this is not his story. It is hers. She will turn 90 in October. She is Stasia "Stella" Doma of Chicago. She is a Holocaust survivor.

### LITERARY NOOK

By **JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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## Loose Tongue Lies No Surprise

Donald J.T., called by his dictator friend a "dotard," constantly trumps and overplays his tweeting card demonstrably disturbing, childish and sophistic fragmented thought, most forgettable, unrealistic from cyber space at least some of it should be barred

Ukrainian Putin puppet paid Paul Manafort millions which can't compare with Cabinet Wilbur Ross billions rubles flowed from Russia to Manafort via Cyprus Trump's campaign chair Manafort says please hire us harm by tariffs and poorly planned policies in the trillions

A Man, a Fort (Knox), a 'dog' all in the same week from the Meuller camp not a peep and still no leak daily incensed hyperbolic language in every tweet absolutely appalling from a US President, not sweet as 45 with no paddles heads and battles up the creek

### SICK

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climate change altering the flow of the jet stream.

As more of the Arctic goes ice-free, more heat is released into the atmosphere, which exacerbates the impact on the ice itself. Meanwhile, warmer temperatures in the land areas north of the Arctic Circle threaten to release mass amounts of greenhouse gases methane and carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. And so we get into a feedback loop as warmer temperatures \_ propelled by humans burning fossil fuels \_ lead to the release of more gases that then feed warmer temperatures.

Not that it matters, at least to the Earth. It will survive, even if we don't.

## Independent labor monitor

We support the proposal to establish at the Imperial Pacific construction site an independent and transparent monitoring mechanism in which the voice of workers and their representatives plays a crucial role and to prevent worker exploitation.

Imperial Pacific promises that the situation has been remedied because it terminated the previous contractors. In fact, a significant risk remains. As the *Financial Times* recently noted, the construction industry as a whole is a "particularly high-risk sector for worker exploitation." Further, Imperial Pacific's workforce now primarily consists of foreign H-2B workers. Not surprisingly, this program that allows companies to bring in cheaper, short-term workers is rife with abuse. From 2010 and 2014, the U.S. Department of Labor identified nearly 1,000 employers that violated H-2 laws. Moreover, statistics reveal that immigrant construction workers are more likely to get injured.

In other contexts where serious worker abuse was discovered, an independent monitoring mechanism was established to ensure compliance with labor and safety rules. An example of this is the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety, negotiated after the Rana Plaza factory collapsed, killing over 1,100 workers, in which clothing retailers agreed to establish an independent monitoring regime overseen by a steering committee composed of brands, global unions, and neutral experts. In Qatar, upon reports of widespread abuse of foreign workers building sites for the 2022 FIFA World Cup, the local organizing committee established a monitoring framework to ensure contractors' compliance with a set of worker protection standards. As part of the auditing regime, an independent monitor was hired to assess companies' compliance with the standards and an agreement was concluded with the global union, Building and Wood Workers' International, to jointly conduct health and safety inspections. In both examples, a central tenant of promoting transparency and accountability is that reports by the monitoring bodies are made public.

The logic underlying these programs is simple: we cannot rely on companies to police themselves and the actors at the top of

the supply chain or construction project must use their leverage to ensure compliance by subcontractors. Further, government enforcement agencies have limited resources to detect violations, let alone prevent them.

If Imperial Pacific is serious about eradicating abuse from its projects, it too should conclude a binding agreement requiring that its contractors adhere to specific local, national and international standards on labor, safety, and human rights. An independent party should conduct regular audits and publish the results. Any violations should trigger defined, mandatory penalties. Worker organizations should also be permitted to educate employees in their native language about worker rights, grievance mechanisms, and protections from retaliation. The specifics should be negotiated with organizations that genuinely represent worker interests, who then play an ongoing role in ensuring its rigorous implementation and impact on workplace standards.

These proposals are not radical steps. They are recognized "best practices" emerging in the construction sector and established in other industries. Imperial Pacific should embrace this opportunity to join firms that are leading their industries in ensuring workers' rights and safety.

But Imperial Pacific must not be allowed to simply monitor itself. The Commonwealth's recent experience in construction and long experience with the garment sector show this to be true. The CNMI government is aware of the need for meaningful oversight and should take this opportunity to turn the industry around. Government authorities told the U.S. Congress, international media, and other stakeholders that CNMI is committed to protecting workers. It is time to make good on these statements by requiring Imperial Pacific to establish a negotiated, transparent and independent monitoring program as a condition for continuing operations in the CNMI.






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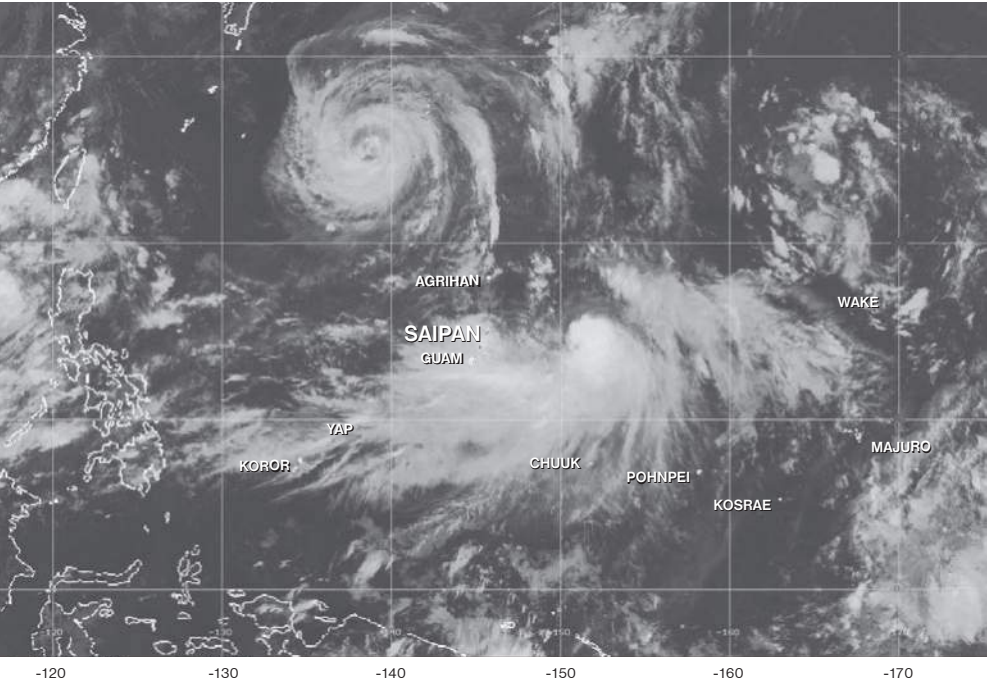


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Breezy. Cloudy with numerous locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly sunny with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 7:20 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Cimaron was located about 520 miles east of Guam at 4 AM, moving west to west-northwest around 15 mph. A monsoon tail can be seen on satellite imagery extending westward from the south flank of the storm toward the Marianas. Radar shows scattered showers developing in the Marianas waters. Winds are moderate from the west, with 6 to 7 ft seas at Tanapag and Ritidian buoys.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA ▲ ▼ °F		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	83° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▲ ▼ °F		
Auckland	Showers	57° / 50°
Beijing	Sunny	90° / 72°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 81°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°
London	Mostly Cloudy	77° / 61°
Los Angeles	Sunny	86° / 68°
Manila	Showers	84° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	57° / 45°
Miami	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
New York	Partly Cloudy	80° / 73°
Osaka	Showers	91° / 81°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	81° / 61°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	90° / 68°
Salem	Thunderstorm	87° / 72°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	63° / 53°
Seoul	Rain	82° / 73°
Tokyo	Thunderstorm	82° / 77°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	81° / 70°



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9:28 AM	LOW TIDE	0.18
4:45 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.51
9:34 PM	LOW TIDE	1.16

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:35 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:35 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.			
SAIPAN TO ROTA			
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



# HANMI occupancy at 80 percent in July

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 79.54 percent average occupancy rate among 12 member-hotels for July 2018.

This figure reflects a

15-percent decrease compared to July 2017.

Average room rates were still higher than last year at \$158.86, compared to \$149.95 last July. A total of 64,751 of

81,403 available room nights were sold in July 2018, compared to 68,301 of 71,949 available room nights sold over the same period last year.

“Although average occu-

pancy rates were considerably lower than July 2017 due to lower visitor arrivals, the good news is that the average room rate for HANMI hotels have been higher every month this

year compared to 2017,” said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanaugh. “This means there we are attracting slightly more higher-spending visitors, which is a trend we hope to continue for the Marianas to become a high-end destination. In the meantime, many hoteliers are taking this opportunity to do

upkeep and repairs of our facilities. However, it’s imperative that the Marianas Visitors Authority be given full budget support to continue working on improving flight service and demand from all our source markets.”

HANMI was established in 1985. **(HANMI)**

## \$1.4M OK’d for A. Samoa, Guam, Enewetak

**WASHINGTON**—The U.S. Department of the Interior has approved \$1.4 million in fiscal year 2018 grants for American Samoa, Guam, and Enewetak Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, mainly to fund utility and healthcare projects.

“[Interior] Secretary [Ryan] Zinke and I are pleased provide funds that bolster basic and much-needed services at hospitals and utilities for people in Guam, American Samoa, and Enewetak as we do across all the U.S. Insular Areas,” said Doug Domenech, assistant secretary for Insular and International Affairs this week.

The projects listed below were funded through the Technical Assistance and Maintenance Assistance Programs in the Office of Insular Affairs:

■ American Samoa Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center: \$493,581 to provide training in the End Stage Renal Dialysis Unit for career service employees and nurses

leading to Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technicians and ESRD nurses. In 1980, the ESRD had only two dialysis chairs and two patients. As of the first quarter of 2018, they now serve 170 patients and have 32 chairs, with three shifts every day.

An additional grant for the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center of \$176,000 will be used to conduct a cost-based assessment of current billing practices and the revenue cycle at the hospital. The goal is to revamp and improve the chargemaster and billing system at the hospital, provide training to staff, and help meet reforms and regulations introduced by the Medicare Access and Chip Reauthorization Act of 2015 among other reform requirements. The LBJ is the only hospital in the territory and serves approximately 60,000 people.

■ Guam Waterworks Authority: \$500,000 to assess and evaluate needs for upgrad-

ing the Enterprise Resource Planning system. Funding will support the procurement and contracting of an experienced information technology firm to perform a full assessment and provide recommendations for all business functions and processes that should be included and integrated into a new system suitable for water and wastewater utility operations.

■ American Samoa Power Authority: \$96,470 to fund a professional training and apprenticeship program. The program will help meet critical needs and provide training for nearly 25 local staff as well drillers, water systems operators, electricians/engineers for photovoltaic installation, and licensed professional engineers.

■ Enewetak Health Care Clinic: \$140,000 to renovate the 177 4-Atoll Health Care Program Clinic in Enewetak. The clinic has survived several typhoons and has only had mi-

nor cosmetic repairs since first built 30 years ago. Funds will be used to repair the roof, the electrical wiring system, and plumbing. Enewetak is one of four nuclear-affected atolls in the Marshall Islands impacted by the nuclear weapons testing program conducted between 1946 and 1958.

Applications for these grants are submitted from October through May 1 each year. Funds are awarded once OIA receives appropriations from the U.S. Congress until they are exhausted. **(DOI)**

## Javier graduates from basic training

U.S. Air Force airman Natalia Javier has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare prin-


ciples and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Javier is the daughter of Jeffrey and Maureen Javier of Saipan. She is a 2017 graduate of Saipan Southern High School. **(PR)**



Javier



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

#### Office of the Executive Director

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### CUC-RFP-18-019

### Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-RFP-18-019 – Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System”** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A **Proposal Guarantee** equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

<https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.


This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMIA ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectural services in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of the OEM submitting the bid.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address [christopher\\_timmons@cnmioag.org](mailto:christopher_timmons@cnmioag.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.**  
Purchasing Administrator



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

#### Office of the Executive Director

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### CUC-IFB-18-030

### SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POWER POLES (FEMA Water System Mitigation Project)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$100.00** for one IFB package set.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-18-030, Supply & Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles”** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 7, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA and the CUC, Board of Directors.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Division, Jr. Engineer via email address [adrian.reyes@cucgov.org](mailto:adrian.reyes@cucgov.org), Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address [yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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# Business

## Justice lawyers try to halt Trump financial records release

WASHINGTON (AP)—Justice Department lawyers asked a federal judge Friday to let them file a legal appeal that could, for now, keep President Donald Trump's critics from getting access to financial records related to his Washington, D.C., hotel.

Trump has been fighting multiple lawsuits that argue that foreign representatives' spending money at the Trump International Hotel is a violation of the U.S. Constitution's emoluments clause, which bans federal officials from accepting benefits from foreign

or state governments without congressional approval.

U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte, who is based in Maryland, ruled last month that one of those lawsuits could go forward.

In a sally to prevent the case moving on to legal discovery—which would potentially unearth financial records such as Trump's income tax returns—Justice Department lawyers asked Messitte on Friday to put the case on hold while they appeal his decision to a higher court in Richmond, Virginia.

The plaintiffs, the state of

Maryland and the District of Columbia, have said they plan to move forward quickly with discovery—for example, seeking information from the hotel, a Trump hotel steakhouse and the General Services Administration as well as the president's financial records.

In court documents, the Justice Department objected to any discovery on a sitting president in his official capacity because of separation of powers concerns, in order to avoid a "constitutional confrontation" between two branches of government.

Justice lawyers argued that the "public interest is decidedly in favor of a stay because any discovery would necessarily be a distraction to the President's performance of his constitutional duties."

D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine responded: "After winning two major rulings in this case already, we anticipated President Trump's most recent motion. Nonetheless, our case is still moving forward. We are on track to propose a schedule for discovery by September 14, and we hope to request relevant documents shortly thereafter."

The emoluments clause has never been fully tested in an American courtroom. Two other lawsuits accusing the president of violating the

emoluments clause are also being heard in other federal courts. Neither has reached the discovery stage.

Messitte's ruling last month that an emolument "extends to any profit, gain or advantage" was the first time a federal judge had defined the term's application to the president.

It is that definition, and the argument that the plaintiffs have suffered actual harm and have a right to sue, that the Justice Department wants reviewed by a higher court.

The plaintiffs have argued that Trump—who has declined to divest from his assets as president—is capitalizing on the presidency and causing harm to businesses trying to compete with his Washington hotel, which is just steps from

the White House.

The Justice Department has said earnings from business activities, including hotel room stays, don't qualify as emoluments. Its attorneys have argued that under Maryland and D.C.'s interpretation, no federal official would even be able to own stock from a foreign company that provides profits or collects royalties.

The case raises important questions and should provide "clarity on the boundaries of what a president can do while in office," said Ted Boutros, a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP who's been keeping an eye on all the cases, but isn't involved.

"The discovery would be interesting too," he added with a laugh.

## US regulators target Facebook on discriminatory housing ads

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal regulators are alleging that Facebook's advertising tools allow landlords and real estate brokers to engage in housing discrimination.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development said in an administrative complaint this week that Facebook violated the Fair Housing Act because its targeting systems allow advertisers to exclude certain audiences, such as families with young children or disabled people, from seeing housing ads.

"When Facebook uses the vast amount of personal data it collects to help advertisers to discriminate, it's the same as slamming the door in someone's face," HUD Assistant Secretary Anna María Farias said in a statement Friday.

Service providers such as Facebook typically aren't liable for the actions of their users. In a separate, civil lawsuit filed by housing advocates, the Justice Department says Facebook doesn't fall under that category because it mines user data, some of which users have to provide, and customizes ads for specific audiences. The government says that counts as being a content creator, rather than merely a transmitter of user content.

Facebook said the company doesn't allow discrimination and has strengthened its systems over the past year to prevent misuse. The company added that it is working directly with HUD to address its concerns. Facebook has an opportunity to respond to the HUD complaint before the

agency determines whether to file formal charges.

The HUD action is separate from the federal lawsuit, filed in March in New York by the National Fair Housing Alliance and other organizations. The lawsuit says investigations by fair housing supporters in New York, Washington, D.C., Miami and San Antonio, Texas, show that Facebook continues to let advertisers discriminate even though civil rights and housing groups have notified the company since 2016 that it is violating the federal Fair Housing Act. It seeks unspecified damages and a court order to end discrimination.

The Justice Department's position came in a filing in that case. Facebook said it plans to respond in court.

## UK's right-wing Farage vows to end Brexit 'sell-out'

LONDON (AP)—In Britain, there is a growing sense of Brexit deja vu.

Two years after the country voted to leave the European Union, emotional arguments about membership in the bloc are raging as fiercely as they did during the 2016 referendum.

With seven months until Britain officially leaves the bloc, negotiations faltering, chances are rising of an acrimonious divorce—and the one thing that pro- and anti-EU forces have in common is that they are both unhappy.

Former U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage announced Saturday that he was returning to political campaigning in a bid to derail British Prime Minister Theresa May's plan for future ties with the EU.

Farage, the right-winger who helped lead the successful "leave" campaign in 2016, wrote in the Daily Telegraph that he would join a cross-country bus tour by the group Leave Means Leave to oppose May's "cowardly sell-out."

Referring to U.K. politicians and civil servants, he said "unless challenged, these anti-democrats will succeed in frustrating the result" of the referendum.

Negotiations on future relations between the U.K. and the bloc have faltered, largely due to divisions within May's Conservative government over how close an economic relationship to seek with EU.

Last month the government finally produced a plan, proposing to stick close to EU regulations in return for free trade in goods. That infuriated Brexit-backers such as Farage and former For-

eign Secretary Boris Johnson, who say it would leave the U.K. tethered to the bloc and unable to strike new trade deals around the world.

Opponents of Brexit say that, even if the EU accepts May's plan—which appears unlikely—it would still erect barriers between Britain and the EU, its biggest trading partner.

Meanwhile, time is running out. Britain and the EU say they aim to hammer out an agreement on divorce terms and future trade by October—or, at the latest, December—so that it can be approved by all individual EU countries before the U.K. leaves the bloc on March 29.

This week Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics put the chances of getting a Brexit deal at 50-50, a figure echoed by other EU leaders.

U.K. businesses, however, have warned strongly that leaving without a deal could cause mayhem for trade and travel, bringing higher food prices, logjams around U.K. ports and disruption to everything from aviation to medical supplies.



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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB18-JUDICIARY-06**

**SUBMISSION DATE: September 19, 2018 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**2018-2019 VEHICLE (5 Door All-Wheel Drive Utility Vehicle)**

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/S/ **ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO**  
CHIEF JUSTICE

/S/ **JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ**  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB18-JUDICIARY-07**

**SUBMISSION DATE: September 19, 2018 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**2018-2019 VEHICLE (4 Door Sedan)**

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB18-JUDICIARY-08**

**SUBMISSION DATE: September 19, 2018 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**"PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE (Pick-up Truck)**  
**FOR THE CNMI Judiciary, Judicial Administrative Office"**

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB18-JUDICIARY-09**

**SUBMISSION DATE: September 19, 2018 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**"PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE (Utility Vehicle)**  
**FOR THE CNMI Judiciary, Judicial Administrative Office"**

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB18-JUDICIARY-10**

**SUBMISSION DATE: September 19, 2018 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**"PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE (4 Door Sedan)**  
**FOR THE CNMI Judiciary, Law Revision Commission"**

The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting invitation for bids for four door sedan for the Law Revision Commission.

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CHIEF JUSTICE

/S/ **JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ**  
JUDICIARY PROCUREMENT OFFICER



Nation

Defense DNA request denied in deaths of Colorado mom, kids

**FREDERICK, Colo. (AP)—**A Colorado judge has denied a request by a defense attorney for a man accused of killing his pregnant wife and two daughters to require a coroner to collect DNA from the necks of the young girls.

The judge said in an order Friday he would not tell the medical examiner’s office involved in the case how to do its job, KMGH-TV and the Daily Camera newspaper in Boulder reported.

Autopsies were completed Friday on Shanann Watts, 34, and her daughters, 4-year-old Bella and 3-year-old Celeste. The cause of their deaths has not been made public. The



This photo combo of images provided by The Colorado Bureau of Investigation shows, from left, Bella Watts, Celeste Watts and Shanann Watts. The Frederick Police Department said Chris Watts was taken into custody.

Migrant spouse of pregnant woman detained on way to hospital

**LOS ANGELES (AP)—**A California woman said Saturday that she had to drive herself to the hospital and give birth without her husband after he was detained by immigration agents.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said the man was detained because he was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant in a homicide case in Mexico.

Maria del Carmen Venegas said she and her husband, Joel Arrona Lara, were driving to the hospital Wednesday when they stopped for gas in San Bernardino, just east of Los Angeles.

Surveillance footage shows two vehicles immediately flank the couple’s van after they pulled into the gas station. Agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement questioned the couple and asked for identification, Venegas said.

Venegas, 32, said she provided hers but that Arrona had left his at home in their rush to the hospital. The surveillance footage shows the agents handcuffing the 35-year-old Arrona and taking him away, leaving a sobbing Venegas alone at the gas station.

Venegas said she drove herself to the hospital for a scheduled cesarean section for the birth of her fifth child.

“I feel terrible,” Venegas said in a telephone interview from the hospital as her newborn son Damian cried in the background.

“We need him now more than ever,” she said.

Venegas said she and her husband came to the U.S. 12 years ago from the city of Leon in the central Mexican state of Guanajuato. They do not have legal authorization to live in the U.S., and all five of their children are U.S. citizens, she said.

Venegas said her husband is a hard worker and the sole provider of the family.

In a statement issued Saturday afternoon, Immigration and Custom Enforcement said Arrona “was brought to ICE’s attention due to an outstanding warrant issued for his arrest in Mexico on homicide charges,” spokeswoman Lori Haley said.

ICE said agents with the agency’s Fugitive Operations Team detained Arrona on Wednesday and said he remained in custody pending removal proceedings.

Though the team prioritizes arresting immigrants who are transnational gang members, child sex offenders and those who’ve had previous convictions for violent crimes, the agency’s statement said it “will no longer exempt classes or categories of removable aliens from potential enforcement.”

“All of those in violation of the immigration laws may be subject to immigration arrest, detention and, if found removable by final order, removal from the United States,” the statement said.

Emilio Amaya Garcia, director of the San Bernardino Community Service Center, said his non-profit group is providing legal help to Venegas and Arrona, will file a motion on Monday for an immigration court to set a bail hearing for Arrona and will ask that his removal proceedings be canceled.

Garcia did not respond to messages and calls for comment about the arrest warrant in Mexico.

motion seeking the DNA samples from the girls’ necks suggested that they may have been strangled.

Police arrested Chris Watts, 33, late Wednesday on suspicion of killing his wife and children. Their bodies were found on Thursday on property owned by Andarko Petroleum, one of Colorado’s largest oil and gas drillers, where Watts worked as an operator. Court documents filed by defense lawyer James Merson said the girls had been submerged in crude oil for four days.

Weld County prosecutors said Watts was jailed in protective custody and that charges were expected to be filed on Monday.

Outside the family’s home in Frederick, north of Denver, a memorial of stuffed animals, balloons, flowers and messages grew and a candlelight vigil drew dozens of people Friday night.

“This is to celebrate, mourn and get closure for a family that didn’t deserve this,” said vigil organizer Kelley Trippy. “This is a horrible, horrible, horrible story. It’s affected us all whether you do know them or don’t know them.”

Christine Gentert said a prayer, adding that she wanted Shanann Watts to be remembered for her smile and her love for others.

“I don’t want the horror to replace how beautiful she was,” Gentert said.

Ashley Bell, a friend of Shanann Watts, said Shanann had planned a party Saturday to reveal the gender of her baby. Frankie Rzucek said his sister planned to name her baby boy Niko.

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**Request for Qualification Statements**  
**RFQ 18-JUDICIARY-01**  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 31, 2018 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

**Mechanical Engineering Consulting Services for the Guma' Hustisia**

The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed qualifications for mechanical engineering services for the review, recommendation, inspection, evaluation, and/or certification of the heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system ("HVAC"), solar panel system, and mold remediation at the Guma' Hustisia.

The Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") and supporting documents for the Mechanical Engineering Consulting Services may be obtained at the cashier window, Window # 1, located at the front of the Guma' Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, during regular working hours and is available online at [www.justice.gu.mp](http://www.justice.gu.mp).

Statements of professional qualification from interested consultants must address, and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- A. Overall completeness, clarity, and quality of the qualifications with regards to the information required by the RFQ, as well as compliance with the terms, conditions, and other provisions within the RFQ – (15%)
- B. Overall consulting management experience in the Western Pacific Region, especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – (10%)
- C. Qualification – (30%)
- D. Experience of identified agency personnel in the evaluation of the replacement of the HVAC system and mold remediation – (30%)
- E. Proposed project approach – (15%)

To qualify, engineers must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI. Statements of qualifications must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

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/s/ Larrisa C. Larson  
Expenditure Authority

/s/ Alexandro C. Castro  
Chief Justice

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**As of August 17, 2018**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Yi Zheng & Jing Peng	SS-2018-X-182 7/30/2018	Perimeter Chain Link Fence	Beach Road, Garapan	Shoreline	Approved, 8/9/2018*
2. MD. Nurul I. Bhuiyan	SW-2018-X-184 8/13/2018	Land Clearing	Fina Sisu	Wetlands & Mangroves	Under Review*
3. Micronesia Resort, Inc. Dbu Kensington Hotel Resort	SLR-2018-X-185 8/13/2018	Non-Motorized Watersports	San Roque	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



# Asia

## Thousands stranded as floods submerge southern Indian state

**TRIVANDRUM, India** (AP)—Thousands of stranded people were waiting to be rescued and officials pleaded for more help from relentless monsoon floods that have partially submerged the southern Indian state of Kerala, where more than 190 have died in a little over a week.

Heavy rains hit parts of the state again Saturday morning, slowing attempts to deploy rescuers and get relief supplies to isolated areas. Many have seen no help for days and can only be reached by boat or helicopter.

More than 300,000 people have taken shelter in over 1,500 state-run relief camps, officials said. But authorities said they were being inundated with calls for assistance, local media reported.

“We are receiving multiple repetitive rescue requests,” the office of the state’s top official, Pinarayi Vijayan, said in a tweet, asking those in need to provide their exact location and nearby landmarks so rescuers can find them. Officials have called it the worst flooding in Kerala in a century, with

rainfall in some areas well over double that of a typical monsoon season.

The downpours that started Aug. 8 have triggered floods and landslides and caused homes and bridges to collapse across Kerala, a picturesque state known for its quiet tropical backwaters and beautiful beaches.

Officials estimate more than 10,000 kilometers (6,200 miles) of roads have been damaged. One of the state’s major airports, in the city of Kochi, has been closed. Meteorologists ex-

pect the rains to ease up over the next few days.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspected the flooded landscape from a helicopter and met Saturday with the state’s top officials, promising more than \$70 million in aid. While the central government has dispatched multiple military units to Kerala, state officials are pleading for additional help.

“Please ask Modi to give us helicopters, give us helicopters. ... Please, please!” state legislator Saji Cherian said on a Kerala-based TV news chan-



nel, the Indian Express newspaper reported.

Modi said 38 helicopters had been deployed for search and rescue operations in the state, which has a population of more than 33 million.

“We all pray for the safety and well-being of the people of Kerala,” he said in a tweet.

Initial storm damage estimates were nearly \$2.8 billion, Vijayan said.

India’s navy said it airlifted a pregnant woman from the floods on Thursday in Kerala and she gave birth to a boy shortly after the rescue. A doctor was lowered to assess the woman before she was lifted into a helicopter, the navy said.

At least 194 people have died in the flooding and 36 more are missing, according to Kerala’s disaster management office.

More than 1,000 people have died in seven Indian states since the start of this year’s monsoon season, including more than 300 in Kerala.



A truck carries people past a flooded road in Thrissur, in the southern Indian state of Kerala, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018.

## Pakistan’s Imran Khan sworn in as prime minister

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—Pakistan’s cricket star-turned-politician Imran Khan was sworn in as prime minister on Saturday despite protests by opposition parties, which accuse the security services of intervening on his behalf in last month’s elections.

Khan’s Tehreek-e-Insaf party won the most seats in the July 25 national elections but fell short of an outright majority. It allied with independents to form a coalition, and Khan was elected by the National Assembly on Friday. Khan had campaigned on promises to combat Pakistan’s endemic corruption and break powerful landowners’ monopoly on political power.

Opposition parties have held regular protests since last month’s election, alleging vote rigging by the powerful security establishment. Security officials have rejected the allegations, and Khan has vowed to investigate the charges of voting fraud, saying neither he nor his party was involved

in any wrongdoing.

“We have not committed any rigging,” he told lawmakers in a speech after being sworn in.

Khan secured 176 votes in the assembly on Friday, defeating the opposition’s candidate, Shahbaz Sharif of the Pakistan Muslim League, who got 96 votes. Sharif and his party’s lawmakers disrupted Khan’s speech by chanting slogans against him. Khan responded by saying no one could blackmail him through such protests.

Khan has promised “ruthless accountability” to combat corruption, and has said he will move to a small house in Islamabad rather than live in the lavish prime minister’s residence.

The U.S. government issued a statement Saturday “welcoming” the new prime minister.

“For over 70 years, the relationship between the United States and Pakistan has been a vital one,” State Department

spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in the statement. “The United States looks forward to working with Pakistan’s new civilian government to promote peace and prosperity in Pakistan and the region.”

Khan acquired a reputation as a playboy during his cricketer years but embraced conservative Islam after entering politics.

His first wife was the wealthy British heiress Jemima Goldsmith, whom he married in 1996. Their two sons live with Goldsmith. He married his second wife, British journalist Rehman Khan, in 2015, but they divorced within a year. Earlier this year, he married his spiritual adviser, Bushra Maneka, who attended Saturday’s ceremony when Khan took the oath as premier.

Khan emerged as a critic of the so-called War on Terror after the 9/11 attacks, accusing the United States of fueling extremism by carrying out drone strikes in Pakistan that killed civilians. He has also expressed support for a

controversial law that makes blasphemy against Islam punishable by death.

His critics in Pakistan have branded him “Taliban Khan,” accusing him of sympathizing with extremists.

Khan has denied those charges, and struck a more moderate tone in this year’s campaign, saying he was committed to defeating Islamic extremists and cultivating good relations with the U.S., which for years has demanded that Pakistan do more to combat militancy.

Khan has expressed support for a peace process in neighboring Afghanistan that would end 17 years of war between the U.S.-backed government and the Taliban.

Also on Saturday, Khan’s party nominated Arif Alvi as its candidate for the Sept. 4 presidential election. The ruling party’s candidate usually wins the post, which is a ceremonial one. The president is indirectly elected by lawmakers from the National Assembly and the four provincial assemblies.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Taiwan improves missiles to counter China military expansion

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** (AP)—Taiwan is responding to China’s arms buildup by developing missiles and interceptors of its own that could reduce Beijing’s military advantage over the self-ruled island, defense experts say. Since President Tsai Ing-wen took office in 2016, Taiwan has deployed one set of missiles, perfected another and sped production of a third, the analysts say, in the latest sign of how it’s handling a Chinese military threat that is raising the chances of an armed confrontation. Chinese President Xi Jinping has taken a hard line against advocates of independence for Taiwan and has sent warships, bombers and fighter planes on training missions circling the democratic island in a show of strength. While Beijing has an increasingly overwhelming military advantage, Taiwan’s missile systems advance its odds of holding off China in asymmetrical warfare, said Alexander Huang, strategic studies professor at Tamkang University in Taiwan. The term refers to effective resistance of an enemy with targeted firepower rather than overwhelming force.

#### Strong quake triggers landslides on Indonesian Lombok island

**SEMBALUN, Indonesia** (AP)—A strong earthquake jolted the Indonesian island of Lombok on Sunday, causing landslides on Mount Rinjani and damaging buildings, as it tries to recover from a tremor earlier this month that

killed 460 people. The U.S. Geological Survey measured the quake, which was centered in the northeast of the tourist island, at magnitude 6.3 and a depth of 7 kilometers (4 miles). It was felt on the neighboring island of Bali and was preceded a few minutes earlier by a magnitude 5.4 quake, also in Lombok’s northeast. An Associated Press reporter on Lombok said the tremor caused landslides on the slopes of Rinjani and panic in villages. Video shot by the Indonesian Red Cross showed huge clouds of dust billowing from the mountain’s slopes.

#### Taliban say no peace with ‘occupation,’ want US talks

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—The leader of the Taliban said Saturday there will be no peace in Afghanistan as long as the foreign “occupation” continues, reiterating the group’s position that the 17-year war can only be brought to an end through direct talks with the United States. In a message released in honor of the Eid al-Adha holiday, Maulvi Haibatullah Akhundzadah said the group remains committed to “Islamic goals,” the sovereignty of Afghanistan and ending the war. The Taliban have had a major resurgence in recent years, seizing districts across the country and regularly carrying out large-scale attacks. Earlier this month, the Taliban launched a major assault on the city of Ghazni, just 120 kilometers (75 miles) from the capital, Kabul. Afghan security forces battled the militants inside the city for five days, as the U.S. carried out airstrikes and sent advisers to help ground forces.



# World

## Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan dies at age 80

ACCRA, Ghana (AP)—Kofi Annan, a charismatic global diplomat and the first black African to become United Nations secretary-general who led the world body through one of its most turbulent periods, died early Saturday at age 80.

Tributes flowed in from around the world after his foundation announced his death in the Swiss capital, Bern, after a short and unspecified illness. The statement remembered the Nobel Peace Prize winner as “radiating genuine kindness, warmth and brilliance in all he did.”

He died “peacefully in his sleep,” the president of Ghana, where Annan was born, said after speaking to his wife.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, the U.N. flag flew at half-staff and a bouquet of flowers was placed under Annan’s portrait. Reflecting the widespread regard that won him a groundbreaking uncontested election to a second term, leaders from Russia, India, Israel, France and elsewhere expressed condolences for a man Bill Gates called “one of the great peacemakers of our time.”

Annan spent virtually his entire career as an administrator in the United Nations. His aristocratic style, cool-tempered elegance and political savvy helped guide his ascent to become its seventh secre-



A bouquet of flowers is placed near the portrait of former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan at U.N. headquarters, Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018.

tary-general, and the first hired from within. His two terms were from Jan. 1, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2006, capped nearly midway when he and the U.N. were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001.

During his tenure, Annan presided over some of the worst failures and scandals at the world body. Challenges from the outset forced him to spend much of his time strug-

gling to restore its tarnished reputation.

His enduring moral prestige remained largely undented, however, both through charm and by virtue of having negotiated with most of the powers in the world.

When he departed from the United Nations, he left behind a global organization far more aggressively engaged in peacekeeping and fighting poverty, setting the framework for its 21st-century response to mass atrocities and its emphasis on human rights and development.

“In many ways, Kofi Annan was the United Nations,” current U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said. “He rose through the ranks to lead the organization into the new millennium with matchless dignity and determination.”

Even out of office, Annan never completely left the U.N. orbit. He returned in special roles, including as the U.N.-Arab League’s special envoy to Syria in 2012. He remained a powerful advocate for global causes through his eponymous foundation.

Annan took on the top U.N. post six years after the collapse of the Soviet Union and presided during a decade when the world united against terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks—then divided deeply over the U.S.-led war against Iraq. The U.S. relationship tested him as a world diplomatic leader.

“I think that my darkest moment was the Iraq war, and the fact that we could not stop it,” Annan said in a February 2013

interview with TIME magazine to mark the publication of his memoir, “Interventions: A Life in War and Peace.”

“I worked very hard—I was working the phone, talking to leaders around the world. The U.S. did not have the support in the Security Council,” Annan recalled in the videotaped interview posted on his foundation’s website.

“So they decided to go without the council. But I think the council was right in not sanctioning the war,” he said. “Could you imagine if the U.N. had endorsed the war in Iraq, what our reputation would be like? Although at that point, President (George W.) Bush said the U.N. was headed toward irrelevance, because we had not supported the war. But now we know better.”

Despite his well-honed diplomatic skills, Annan was never afraid to speak candidly. That didn’t always win him fans, particularly in the case of Bush’s administration, with whom Annan’s camp spent much time bickering. Much of his second term was spent at odds with the United States, the U.N.’s biggest contributor, as he tried to lean on it to pay almost \$2 billion in arrears.

At the end of his Nobel acceptance speech Annan reminded the world why such pressure is necessary. “Beneath the surface of states and nations, ideas and language, lies the fate of individual human beings in need,” he said. “Answering their needs will be the mission of the United Nations in the century to come.”

Kofi Atta Annan was born April 8, 1938, into an elite family in Kumasi, Ghana, the son of a provincial governor and grandson of two tribal chiefs.

He shared his middle name Atta—“twin” in Ghana’s Akan language—with a twin sister, Efua. He became fluent in English, French and several African languages, attending an elite boarding school and the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi. He finished his undergraduate work in economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1961. From there he went to Geneva, where he began his graduate studies in international affairs and launched his U.N. career.

Annan married Titi Alakija, a Nigerian woman, in 1965, and they had a daughter, Ama, and a son, Kojo. He returned to the U.S. in 1971 and earned a master’s degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Management. The couple separated during the 1970s and, while working in Geneva, Annan met his second wife, Swedish lawyer Nane Lagergren. They married in 1984.

Annan worked for the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa in Ethiopia, its Emergency Force in Egypt and the office of the High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva before taking a series of senior posts at U.N. headquarters in New York dealing with human resources, budget, finance and staff security.

He also had special assignments. After Iraq invaded Ku-

wait in 1990, he facilitated the repatriation from Iraq of more than 900 international staff and other non-Iraqi nationals, and the release of Western hostages in Iraq. He led the initial negotiations with Iraq for the sale of oil in exchange for humanitarian relief.

Just before becoming secretary-general, Annan served as U.N. peacekeeping chief and as special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, where he oversaw a transition in Bosnia from U.N. protective forces to NATO-led troops.

The U.N. peacekeeping operation faced two of its greatest failures during his tenure: the Rwanda genocide in 1994 and the massacre in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica in July 1995.

In both cases, the U.N. had deployed troops under Annan’s command, but they failed to save the lives of the civilians they were mandated to protect. Annan offered apologies but ignored calls to resign by U.S. Republican lawmakers. After becoming secretary-general, he called for U.N. reports on those two debacles—and they were highly critical of his management.

As secretary-general, Annan forged his experiences into a doctrine called the “Responsibility to Protect” that countries accepted—at least in principle—to head off genocide, crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing and war crimes.

Annan sought to strengthen the U.N.’s management, coherence and accountability, efforts that required huge investments in training and technology, a new whistleblower policy and financial disclosure requirements.

In 1998, he helped ease a transition to civilian rule in Nigeria and visited Iraq to try to resolve its impasse with the Security Council over compliance with weapons inspections and other matters. The effort helped avoid an outbreak of hostilities that seemed imminent at the time.

In 1999, he was deeply involved in the process by which East Timor gained independence from Indonesia, and started the “Global Compact” initiative that has grown into the world’s largest effort to promote corporate social responsibility.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Turkey’s president says country will defy economic threats

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkey’s president said Saturday his country will stand strong against an “attempted economic coup” amid heightened tensions with the United States. Recep Tayyip Erdogan told thousands of supporters in Ankara that the country was being “threatened by the economy, sanctions, foreign currency, interest rates and inflation.” “We tell them that we see their game and we challenge them,” he said. Turkey is reeling from a massive sell-off of its currency as Washington imposed sanctions and threatened new ones if an American pastor under house arrest isn’t released. Evangelical pastor Andrew Craig Brunson faces up to 35 years in jail if convicted of espionage and terror-related charges. He maintains his innocence.

#### Suspect in UK Parliament crash charged with attempted murder

LONDON (AP)—A driver whose car collided with several people before crashing outside Britain’s Parliament has been charged with attempted murder, police in London said Saturday. The Metropolitan Police force said 29-year-old Salih Khater faces two charges—trying to kill police officers, and trying to kill members of the public. Three people were injured when Khater, a British citizen originally from Sudan, hit a group of cyclists before colliding with security outside Parliament on Tuesday. Police say that was an attempt to murder police officers. One injured person was treated at the scene and two were taken to local hospitals, where they were treated and released. Within minutes of Tuesday’s morning rush-hour crash, police flooded the streets around Parliament and cordoned off an area of the city that is home to government buildings and tourist attractions including Westminster Abbey.



## Focus

## AP Exclusive: Google tracks your movements, like it or not

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—**Google wants to know where you go so badly that it records your movements even when you explicitly tell it not to.

An Associated Press investigation found that many Google services on Android devices and iPhones store your location data even if you've used a privacy setting that says it will prevent Google from doing so.

Computer-science researchers at Princeton confirmed these findings at the AP's request.

For the most part, Google is upfront about asking permission to use your location information. An app like Google Maps will remind you to allow access to location if you use it for navigating. If you agree to let it record your location over time, Google Maps will display that history for you in a "timeline" that maps out your daily movements.

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Storing your minute-by-minute travels carries privacy risks and has been used by police to determine the location of suspects—such as a warrant that police in Raleigh, North Carolina, served on Google last year to find devices near a murder scene. So the company lets you "pause" a setting called Location History.

Google says that will prevent the company from remembering where you've been. Google's support page on the subject states: "You can turn off Location History at any time. With Location History off, the places you go are no longer stored."

That isn't true. Even with Location History paused, some Google apps automatically store time-stamped location data without asking. (It's possible, although laborious, to delete it.)

For example, Google stores a snapshot of where you are when you merely open its Maps app. Automatic daily weather updates on Android phones pinpoint roughly where you are. And some searches that have nothing to do with location, like "chocolate chip cookies," or "kids science kits," pinpoint your precise latitude and longi-



In this July 25, 2018 photo, Kalyanaraman Shankari, right, and her husband Thomas Raffill hold their phones while posing for photos in Mountain View, Calif.

tude—accurate to the square foot—and save it to your Google account.

The privacy issue affects some two billion users of devices that run Google's Android operating software and hundreds of millions of worldwide iPhone users who rely on Google for maps or search.

Storing location data in violation of a user's preferences is wrong, said Jonathan Mayer, a Princeton computer scientist and former chief technologist for the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement bureau. A researcher from Mayer's lab confirmed the AP's findings on multiple Android devices; the AP conducted its own tests on several iPhones that found the same behavior.

"If you're going to allow users to turn off something called 'Location History,' then all the places where you maintain location history should be turned off," Mayer said. "That seems like a pretty straightforward position to have."

Google says it is being perfectly clear.

"There are a number of different ways that Google may use location to improve people's experience, including: Location History, Web and App Activity, and through device-level Location Services," a Google spokesperson said in a statement to the AP. "We provide clear descriptions of these tools, and robust controls so people can turn them on or off, and delete their histories at any time."

Google's explanation did

not convince several lawmakers.

Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia told the AP it is "frustratingly common" for technology companies "to have corporate practices that diverge wildly from the totally reasonable expectations of their users," and urged policies that would give users more control of their data. Rep. Frank Pallone of New Jersey called for "comprehensive consumer privacy and data security legislation" in the wake of the AP report.

To stop Google from saving these location markers, the company says, users can turn off another setting, one that does not specifically reference location information. Called "Web and App Activity" and enabled by default, that setting stores a variety of information from Google apps and websites to your Google account.

When paused, it will prevent activity on any device from being saved to your account. But leaving "Web & App Activity" on and turning "Location History" off only prevents Google from adding your movements to the "timeline," its visualization of your daily travels. It does not stop Google's collection of other location markers.

You can delete these location markers by hand, but it's a painstaking process since you have to select them individually, unless you want to delete all of your stored activity.

You can see the stored location markers on a page in your Google account at myactivity.

google.com, although they're typically scattered under several different headers, many of which are unrelated to location.

To demonstrate how powerful these other markers can be, the AP created a visual map of the movements of Princeton postdoctoral researcher Gunes Acar, who carried an Android phone with Location history off, and shared a record of his Google account.

The map includes Acar's train commute on two trips to New York and visits to The High Line park, Chelsea Market, Hell's Kitchen, Central Park and Harlem. To protect his privacy, The AP didn't plot the most telling and frequent marker—his home address.

Huge tech companies are under increasing scrutiny over their data practices, following a series of privacy scandals at Facebook and new data-privacy rules recently adopted by the European Union. Last year, the business news site Quartz found that Google was tracking Android users by collecting the addresses of nearby cellphone towers even if all location services were off. Google changed the practice and insisted it never recorded the data anyway.

Critics say Google's insistence on tracking its users' locations stems from its drive to boost advertising revenue.

"They build advertising information out of data," said Peter Lenz, the senior geospatial analyst at Dstillery, a rival advertising technology company. "More data for them presum-



In this Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, photo a mobile phone displays a user's travels in New York. Google records your movements even when you explicitly tell it not to.

ably means more profit."

The AP learned of the issue from K. Shankari, a graduate researcher at UC Berkeley who studies the commuting patterns of volunteers in order to help urban planners. She noticed that her Android phone prompted her to rate a shopping trip to Kohl's, even though she had turned Location History off.

"So how did Google Maps know where I was?" she asked in a blog post.

The AP wasn't able to recreate Shankari's experience exactly. But its attempts to do so revealed Google's tracking. The findings disturbed her.

"I am not opposed to background location tracking in principle," she said. "It just really bothers me that it is not explicitly stated."

Google offers a more accurate description of how Location History actually works in a place you'd only see if you turn it off—a popup that appears when you "pause" Location History on your Google account webpage. There the company notes that "some location data may be saved as part of your activity on other Google services, like Search and Maps."

Google offers additional information in a popup that appears if you re-activate the "Web & App Activity" setting—an uncommon action for many users, since this setting is on by default. That popup states that, when active, the setting "saves the things you do on Google sites, apps, and services ... and associated information, like location."

Warnings when you're about to turn Location History off via Android and iPhone device settings are more difficult to interpret. On Android, the popup explains that "places you go with your devices will stop being added to your Location History map." On the iPhone, it simply reads, "None

of your Google apps will be able to store location data in Location History."

The iPhone text is technically true if potentially misleading. With Location History off, Google Maps and other apps store your whereabouts in a section of your account called "My Activity," not "Location History."

Since 2014, Google has let advertisers track the effectiveness of online ads at driving foot traffic, a feature that Google has said relies on user location histories.

The company is pushing further into such location-aware tracking to drive ad revenue, which rose 20 percent last year to \$95.4 billion. At a Google Marketing Live summit in July, Google executives unveiled a new tool called "local campaigns" that dynamically uses ads to boost in-person store visits. It says it can measure how well a campaign drove foot traffic with data pulled from Google users' location histories.

Google also says location records stored in My Activity are used to target ads. Ad buyers can target ads to specific locations—say, a mile radius around a particular landmark—and typically have to pay more to reach this narrower audience.

While disabling "Web & App Activity" will stop Google from storing location markers, it also prevents Google from storing information generated by searches and other activity. That can limit the effectiveness of the Google Assistant, the company's digital concierge.

Sean O'Brien, a Yale Privacy Lab researcher with whom the AP shared its findings, said it is "disingenuous" for Google to continuously record these locations even when users disable Location History. "To me, it's something people should know," he said.



# Health & Wellness

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## Exercise is hard, but it's worth it— so get going

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The conversation started this way: “Working out does suck. And it’s hard work.”

That’s fitness expert Chuck Runyon, whose book title—“Working Out Sucks!”—immediately caught my attention.

Finally, I thought, here’s an experienced trainer (he co-founded the huge workout franchise Anytime Fitness) who says what we’re all thinking.

Obviously, Runyon doesn’t believe we should stay stuck on the couch and have another doughnut. He’s a fitness guru, after all. But he does offer common sense advice on how to place one foot in front of the other on the hard, tough road to feeling and looking better.

And yes, it will require working out. “It may suck, but the alternative sucks so much worse. Your fitness level affects every nook and cranny of your life,” Runyon told me.

He says that if you exercise, you think better, have more energy, are more productive at work and feel better about yourself.

OK. Easy to say. Harder to get started. “This is a tough journey,” he acknowledges.

Some tips from Runyon and his book:

Start moving slowly. “If you’re a sedentary person, if that’s one-tenth of a mile, great. It’s like a slow build. You don’t need to shock your system.”

“Broadcast your goals. Make sure that people (friends and family) know what you’re trying to accomplish.” Enlist their help and support.



RANDY PENCH/SACRAMENTO BEE/TNS

Besides fulfilling a federal guideline, working out can have copious health benefits and lead to a longer, healthier life. A 2018 American Heart Association study found that healthy habits such as eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly could add 10 years to your life.

“Write down your goals. Accountability is the magic ingredient. If you write them down, they exist. Now they’re real. Set short- and long-term goals.”

“Find your motivation. It’s not about what the scale says. Is it for your kids? To be a role model? Maybe you want to be wealthy. Healthy and fit workers make more

(money) than their unhealthy, unfit co-workers.”

Build in incentives—perhaps one day to eat a favorite dessert.

Take a rest day.

## Home remedies: How a healthy diet can help manage pain

Good nutrition is an important part of your overall health. A healthy diet should include a variety of foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, lean proteins and healthy fats. This gives your body the nutrients and energy it needs to function properly.

And a well-balanced diet also is vital for building your body’s immune system and healing power. That’s why nutrition can be your ally in fighting pain and inflammation.

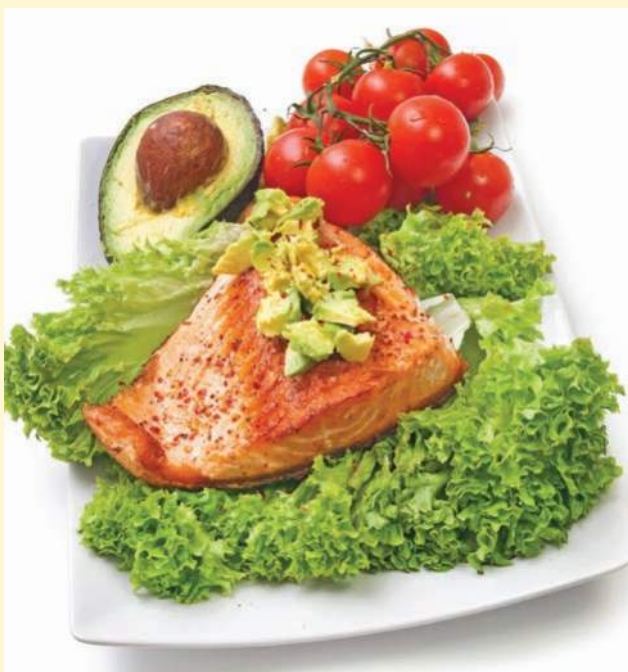
“Lifestyle modifications are very important for helping someone manage their overall pain,” says Dr. Tina Ardon, a Mayo Clinic family medicine physician. “Two important aspects to think about upfront are a healthy diet and maintaining a healthy weight. These two things can make great impacts on how someone deals with their pain.

Is your diet helping ... or hurting?” Research indicates that there is a link between diet and inflammation,” says Ardon. “Although this is a normal process in response to an injury or an infection, sometimes inflammation can turn into a chronic process and actually be widespread throughout the body.” Long-term inflammation is linked to several diseases and conditions, such as rheumatoid arthritis and heart disease.” We know that some foods can contribute to, or exacerbate, inflammation; whereas, other foods actually can be helpful for reducing or preventing inflammation,” says Ardon.

“Some clues that can make us think about a nutritional deficiency may be things like joint pain, fatigue, disrupted sleep. Even some skin findings can indicate a nutritional deficiency,” says Ardon. “So if a patient is concerned that that could be something they’re dealing with, they should speak to their health care provider and talk about appropriate testing and examination.”

### PRO-INFLAMMATORY FOODS

Pro-inflammatory foods are foods that can contribute to inflammation. Most processed foods are pro-inflammatory, as they tend to be high in unhealthy fats (including saturated and trans-fats), added sugars, preservatives and refined carbohydrates.



Good nutrition has a lot of benefits—including helping fight pain and inflammation.

“In terms of foods that can be pro-inflammation, those are foods that include processed foods, carbohydrates, high sugars, unhealthy fats,” says Ardon. Deep-fried foods, pastries, processed cereals, white rice, white potatoes, sugar, breads and red meat are also pro-inflammatory foods.

### ANTI-INFLAMMATORY FOODS

“Foods that can help reduce inflammation, those are things like our fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, those sorts of things,” says Ardon.

The nutrients in some foods have anti-inflammatory or anal-

gesic properties that can help relieve pain. Anti-inflammatory foods may include:

#### ■ Fish and other foods that contain omega-3 fats

Omega-3 fats play a role in altering the inflammatory process and regulation of pain. Salmon, tuna, trout, mackerel and herring are high in these fats. Soy-based foods, walnuts, pecans and ground flaxseed are also good sources of omega-3 fats.

#### ■ Antioxidant-rich foods

Colorful fruits and vegetables, such as leafy greens, avocados, beets and berries, are rich in antioxidants. Antioxidants can prevent, delay or repair some types of cell and tissue damage. Antioxidants include certain vitamins, minerals and plant chemicals, such as vitamin C, vitamin E, carotene, lycopene and flavonoids. A wide variety of other foods are also rich in antioxidants, such as lentils and beans; nuts and seeds; whole grains; green tea; and certain spices, such as ginger and turmeric.

#### ■ Certain dietary supplements

Dietary supplements that have been shown to help provide a healthy balance of inflammatory chemicals in your body include the botanicals cat’s claw, devil’s claw, ginger root, turmeric and Boswellia (frankincense). Other nonherbal dietary supplements, including omega-3 fish oil and antioxidants, are helpful when you don’t get enough of these nutrients in your diet. “Recently, there’s been a lot of discussion regarding vitamin D, omega-3, turmeric and probiotics, says Ardon. These can be helpful for certain patients, but always recommend to review these recommendations with your physician.” Always talk to your health care provider before starting any supplement regimen because some dietary supplements can interact with prescription medications.

“I always encourage patients to reach out to their primary care provider or other health care professionals in their care to make sure whatever dietary changes or supplements they’re interested in adding to their regimen are safe depending on their personal health history and medications,” says Ardon. (Mayo Clinic News Network)



# Life & Style

## When Ms. Franklin calls: Reporter reflects on Queen of Soul

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**NEW YORK (AP)**—When I got the chance to interview Aretha Franklin for the first time in 2001, I was already a bundle of nerves: Even though it was just over the phone, I'd be talking to THE Queen of Soul! You could get no closer to rock 'n' roll royalty than the Queen herself.

So my trepidation was magnified when a colleague told me not to expect much: Franklin was famously guarded and known for giving short, to-the-point answers and little in the way of introspection.

Sure enough, when we spoke on the topic at hand—a VH1 Divas concert honoring her music—Franklin didn't offer much at first. But then, I remembered that she was a huge “The Young and the



Miss America: Leadership bullied, manipulated, silenced me

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**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)**—The reigning Miss America says she has been bullied, manipulated and silenced by the pageant's current leadership, including Gretchen Carlson.

In a letter sent Friday to former Miss Americas, Cara Mund says she decided to speak out despite the risk of punishment.

Her letter is reminiscent of the movie “Mean Girls,” in which characters Gretchen and Regina bully the heroine and make her life miserable. That's what happened to her in real life, Mund wrote. Gretchen Carlson is chair-

woman of the Miss America Organization; Regina Hoper is its CEO.

Her letter exponentially increased the turmoil surrounding the pageant three weeks before the next Miss America is to be crowned in Atlantic City.

“Let me be blunt: I strongly believe that my voice is not heard nor wanted by our current leadership; nor do they have any interest in knowing who I am and how my experiences relate to positioning the organization for the future,” Mund wrote. “Our chair and CEO have systematically silenced me, reduced me, mar-

while I didn't get any big scoops that day, I got a bit of her flair, her personality and her regalness—when I asked her if she thought she was the

ginalized me, and essentially erased me in my role as Miss America in subtle and not-so-subtle ways on a daily basis. After a while, the patterns have clearly emerged, and the sheer accumulation of the disrespect, passive-aggressive behavior, belittlement, and outright exclusion has taken a serious toll.”

The Miss America Organization said it would reach out to her directly to address her concerns.

“The Miss America Organization supports Cara,” the group said in a statement. “It is disappointing that she chose to air her grievances

ultimately, she retorted, “What do YOU think?”

Over the years, we'd have many more conversations. Sometimes, I'd get a note

publicly, not privately. Her letter contains mischaracterizations and many unfounded accusations.”

Mund said she's been left out of interviews, not invited to meetings and called by the wrong name. When she obliquely hinted at trouble with pageant leadership in an interview earlier this month with The Press of Atlantic City, Mund said she was swiftly punished by having her televised farewell speech cut to 30 seconds, and was told a dress she had been approved to wear in the traditional “show us your shoes” parade cannot be worn.

### In a comeback season for Hollywood, a summer without bombs

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Have you noticed something oddly tranquil about this summer movie season? For the first time in recent memory, there hasn't been one major bomb.

Usually by now, there would be blockbuster-sized craters left on the charred summer-movie battlefield, the inevitable toll of Hollywood's most high-stakes season. But this year, summer-movie bomb-watching, long one of the most dependable spectator sports of the season, has gone entirely without the sight of a “Lone Ranger”-sized mushroom cloud.

After the cataclysmic, the-sky-is-falling summer of 2017, when overall grosses slid 14.6 percent from the year before, Hollywood has rebounded. Ticket sales in North America this summer are up 11.3 percent, according to comScore. The comeback is even more

pronounced when you factor in that the annual Marvel movie kickoff to summer slid just ahead of the official first weekend of May start, shifting the \$678.5 million domestic for Disney's “Avenger: Infinity War” to the spring.

Amid a remarkably turbulent time for the movie business, this summer has been surprisingly, almost weirdly, steady.

“The studios did what they were supposed to,” said Kyle Davies, domestic distribution chief for Paramount Pictures. “This notion that people are tired of going to the theaters, I don't believe it for a second. I think people are ready every weekend: ‘Give me a reason to come.’”

Paramount didn't have a lot of releases over the summer but coming off the spring success of “A Quiet Place,” Davies said, “Things have

turned around.” “Mission: Impossible—Fallout,” the sixth installment in the Tom Cruise franchise, is approaching \$500 million worldwide, and the Diane Keaton-Jane Fonda-starring “Book Club” has, with \$68.6 million, fared better than most comedies this year.

But even Tom Cruise, despite all his powers, can do only so much to tip the overall box office. So what's behind the bounce back?

MoviePass, the flailing subscription service, has claimed responsibility. Subscription moviegoing has surely had an additive effect, bringing more regular visitors to theaters. But how much? There's no statistical evidence of MoviePass boosting bottom lines, and studio executives downplay its influence as minimal. (“Mission: Impossible,” for one, wasn't initially available on MoviePass.) MoviePass,

which this week reduced its plan to three movies a month, says it accounts for 6 percent of all domestic tickets.

Mid-summer, AMC trotted out its own \$20-a-month subscription option, attracting 260,000 subscribers in its first seven weeks. AMC on Thursday said that's translated to about 1 million admissions or about 4 percent of U.S. moviegoers at AMC theaters, the country's largest chain.

Jeff Bock, senior box-office analyst for Exhibitor Relations, said it's difficult to extrapolate how big a driver subscription services have been, though he credited the copious attention and drama around MoviePass with fueling moviegoing awareness. He's more inclined to point to the improved studio project, specifically sequels like “Incredibles 2,” “Ant-Man and the Wasp” and “Deadpool 2.”

Aretha Franklin performs at the world premiere of “Clive Davis: The Soundtrack of Our Lives” at Radio City Music Hall, during the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival, Wednesday, April 19, 2017, in New York.

AP

from her publicist, Gwendolyn Quinn, who'd let me know that Franklin would like to talk to me; she sometimes rang me on her own. She called me Ms. Moody, and I of course called her Ms. Franklin (though sometimes, just “Aretha” would pop out, revealing my lack of home training).

In some ways, our conversations weren't particularly deep: She didn't expound on the kind of life experiences that allowed her to convey emotion on a track like no other; we didn't delve into the magic behind classics like “Ain't No Way” or “(You Make Me Feel Like) A

Natural Woman.”

We spoke when she was working on new music, or about an upcoming performance (like when she sang for the Pope in 2015) or even her fitness plan and weight loss. And her love of tennis (she was a frequent attendee at the U.S. Open).

But at times, our talks were revealing. In one 2007 interview, she vented her frustration that while she was among the greatest stars that popular music had ever produced, that never transferred to the big screen, despite small roles in movies like “The Blues Brothers.” She blamed it on racism.

“I don't understand why it's so hard for longtime artists in the music industry who have numerous awards and citations and things like that to even get a pittance of an offer from Hollywood. It just doesn't happen. What is the problem?”

### AP source: It's not just audio, Manigault Newman has video

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—It's not just audiotapes.

Omarosa Manigault Newman has a stash of video, emails, text messages and other documentation supporting the claims in her tell-all book about her time in the Trump White House, a person with direct knowledge of the records told The Associated Press Friday.

Manigault Newman has made clear that she plans to continue selectively releasing the pieces of evidence if President Donald Trump and his associates continue to attack her credibility and challenge the claims in her book, “Unhinged.” She's already dribbled out audio recordings of conversations, and video clips, texts or email could follow, according to the person who described what Manigault Newman has called a multimedia “treasure trove.” The person was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly and asked for anonymity.

“I will not be silenced. I will not be intimidated. I'm not going to be bullied by Donald Trump,” the former Trump aide told The Associated Press this week as she seemed to dismiss a threat from Trump's campaign. She spoke to the AP hours after Trump's campaign announced it was filing an arbitration action against her alleging she'd violated a signed agreement with the campaign that prohibits her from disclosing confidential information.

She told PBS in a separate interview this week: “I have a significant amount, in fact, a treasure trove, of multimedia backup for everything that's not only in “Unhinged,” but everything that I assert about Donald Trump.”

Manigault Newman claims Trump officials offered her a job on the campaign as a way of silencing her, after she was fired from the White House. She's accused Trump of being racist and suffering from a mental decline.

The White House has countered by branding Manigault Newman as a disgruntled former staffer with credibility issues who is now trying to profit from a book based on false attacks against an individual she has called a mentor and has admired for more than a decade.

Trump has also lashed out at Manigault Newman, calling her a “lowlife,” “wacky and deranged” and a “dog.”

Simon & Schuster this week also dismissed threatened legal action from Trump's campaign. A campaign attorney told Simon & Schuster in a letter that “Unhinged” violated Manigault Newman's confidentiality agreement, but the publisher responded that it was acting “well within” its rights.

“Unhinged” has spent the past few days at No. 2 on Amazon.com's best-seller list, trailing only Rachel Hollis' lifestyle book “Girl, Wash Your Face.”



**SHOWBIZ TIDBITS****Fans injured in storm at Backstreet Boys Oklahoma concert**

**THACKERSVILLE, Okla.** (AP)—At least 14 people have been injured and transported to hospitals after trusses holding up the entrance to a resort where the Backstreet Boys were set to begin a concert in Oklahoma collapsed. WinStar World Casino and Resort says in a statement posted on Twitter Saturday that the resort began an evacuation at about 5 p.m. when lightning was within four miles of the casino. The company says about 150 patrons did not evacuate and when the storm hit with 70-80 mph (113-128 kph) winds, it knocked over trusses and the entrance collapsed on them. Of the 14 people taken to a hospital, two have been released. WinStar later said the concert was postponed to a later date. Band member Kevin Richardson tweeted that the concert had been sold out with about 12,000 fans.

**MTV VMAs working to craft tribute for Aretha Franklin**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The MTV Video Music Awards plans on honoring the legacy of Aretha Franklin — they're just not sure how they will do it. The VMAs will air

live Monday. Show executive producer Jesse Ignjatovic tells The Associated Press on Friday that his team is "working on a lot of different options." Franklin, who was 76, died Thursday at her home in Detroit from pancreatic cancer. Ignjatovic says he's working to find "the right tone and the right artist" to properly pay tribute to the Queen of Soul. He adds: "Whether it's a performance or spoken — just something that's organic and done in a way that feels tonally right because it's Aretha Franklin." The VMAs will be held at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

**Stan Lee gets 3-year restraining order against ex-adviser**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Stan Lee's restraining order against a former business manager was extended for three years on Friday, in another apparent step toward stability for the Marvel Comics mogul after a tumultuous year. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge ordered Keya Morgan to stay away from the Marvel Comics mogul and his family members, making permanent a previous temporary restraining order that Lee's lawyers had received. The 95-year-old Lee has been the subject of

a power struggle involving his daughter, Morgan, and others who sought roles in his life and business after the death last year of Lee's wife, Joan, who was his de facto manager and closest adviser. Lee's lawyer Jonathan Freund told The Associated Press that Lee and his family are pleased he can move forward with his life and get on with his work "without being bothered or harassed."

**Madonna is the Queen of Pop and a soccer mom, too**

**BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP)**—The Queen of Pop is also a soccer mom, and she's getting ever more involved in the beautiful game. Madonna has plans to open a soccer academy in Malawi, a move inspired by her adopted son David Banda, who has ambitions to be a professional player and is at Portuguese club Benfica's youth academy. Madonna follows 12-year-old David's progress in Portugal closely, living in Lisbon and often posting photos and videos from the sidelines of his games. Madonna, who turned 60 on Thursday, floated the soccer academy idea in the southern African country last month, prompting the national association to respond enthusiastically.

**Janet Jackson, Daddy Yankee celebrate release of new song**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Janet Jackson's fans were so energetic at an event Friday for her new single that one fan chimed in so the icon could speak without interruption.

"Everybody, be quiet. We can't hear her," a girl yelled, as Jackson and the rest of the packed room at Samsung 837 in New York burst into laughter.

The excitement was around Jackson's festive song "Made for Now," which features Puerto Rican rapper Daddy Yankee and was released Friday. Jackson thanked the crowd for attending and said, "Please spread the love."

She introduced Yankee to



Jackson

the stage, calling him her "partner-in-crime in this song." He noted that the room included a diverse group of people, saying: "The beautiful thing is we got everybody in the building."

"Thank you Janet for uniting the country," he added.

**Ariana Grande tears up as she recalls Manchester tragedy**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The very mention of Manchester still brings Ariana Grande to tears.

The singer cried during an interview Friday with Ebro for Beats 1 on Apple Music as she shared thoughts on the 2017 concert in England, when a suicide bomber killed 22 people.

She said that terrorists "want

you to be afraid," adding that those who just heard about it in the news had moved on. But for her and others, the challenge became just to "live in the moment" and not be overwhelmed by fear.

Her album "Sweetener" includes a song for Manchester



Grande

survivors, "Get Well Soon." It was released Friday.

Grande also spoke of fiancé Pete Davidson, of "Saturday Night Live." She said she hoped to be married within five years, and that she'd "probably" like to have 3 children.

**Priyanka Chopra, Nick Jonas make their engagement official**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—It's official for Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas.

The two on Saturday announced on their respective Instagram accounts they are engaged. Each posted the same picture, a close-up of them gazing lovingly at each other, an engagement ring

on Chopra's finger. The two are in India with both of their families.

"Taken ... With all my heart and soul," Chopra wrote. On Jonas' page, he wrote, "Future Mrs. Jonas. My heart. My love."

The 25-year-old Jonas and 36-year-old Chopra had re-

portedly decided in July to get married after dating for two months.

Jonas gained fame as a member of the Jonas Brothers musical group and is now a solo artist and actor. Chopra starred in the ABC television drama "Quantico." She is a former Miss World winner.



In this May 1, 2017 file photo, Priyanka Chopra, left, and Nick Jonas attend The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating the opening of the Rei Kawakubo/Comme des Garçons: Art of the In-Between exhibition in New York.

**Old friend seeks encouraging words for mother of a criminal**

**DEAR ABBY:** What do you say when a friend's son has committed a horrific crime? Does one say, "I'm sorry" or "Call me," or merely pat them on the shoulder and move on? Or, what?

I know she is suffering and blames herself for his crime. How do I even approach her? I knew her quite well until I moved away and started my life on an opposite coast. Telling her what her son did is not her fault somehow seems trite.

I'm sure other people have been in this kind of situation. I found out about the young man's crime from the news media. I haven't been in contact with his mother for some time, which makes me feel awkward.

LOST FOR WORDS

**DEAR LOST:** The time to be a friend is when somebody needs one. I'm sure your friend could use some emotional support right now. If you have her phone number, call her and tell her you know she's hurting, and she's in your thoughts and prayers. Tell her you are with her in spirit and hope she knows you care about her and her son. Then listen. There's not much more you can do than that.

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pension and other benefits. Once I get in and there's an opening here, I can apply and move back.

Jason doesn't want me to accept the job because he says long-distance relationships never work. I told him I'm willing to try. Is it selfish of me to accept this job in spite of being in a relationship with someone I want a future with, knowing it could possibly break us up?

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**DEAR CONFUSED:** It's not selfish. "Selfish" is a boyfriend (not even a fiancé) who would expect you to pass up an opportunity that offers retirement, pension and other benefits knowing how important it is to you. Mature adults are able to defer gratification and forgo an immediate reward in anticipation of a later one. Please remember that.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am almost 14 and entering high school. I am really scared and don't know what to do. I just want to go to class, study hard, get good grades and get out. But it's not that simple. Can you give me some advice about high school and what I should watch out for?

SCARED OF HIGH SCHOOL IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR SCARED:** Calm your fears. It may comfort you to know every student feels the way you do when first entering high school. It's a new environment, and you will encounter new people.

**DEAR ABBY**

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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Be nice to everyone, and most of them will like you. That's how friendships are made. Look for extracurricular activities that interest you, and join some if you can. You already know you will need to study hard. If you do, good grades will follow.

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Last Friday's Answer 08-20

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Misha Collins, 44; Amy Adams, 44; Billy Gardell, 49; Al Roker, 64.

**Happy Birthday:** Getting bogged down with people and situations you cannot change is a waste of time. Look at what you can do and the positive changes you can make that will encourage you to look, do and be your best. Socializing with people who have something to offer in return will result in an interesting opportunity as we head into next year. Your numbers are 5, 11, 16, 24, 30, 37, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Rely on experience to help you get ahead. Accepting the changes you have no control over and finding a way to benefit from what unfolds will be impressive. Let your actions be your voice. Personal change will improve an important partnership. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** An opportunity to partner with someone will cut costs. Whether you are traveling, doing business or sharing expenses at home, school or a hobby you enjoy, collaborating will not only help you save money, it will inspire new ideas. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take an energetic approach to life, love and happiness. Be open about the way you feel, and respond to what others have to say in detail to avoid a misunderstanding. Straight talk will help you send the right signal. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get serious about the changes you want to make. Let your imagination take over and you'll come up with some excellent ideas. Don't down-

play your capabilities or think someone else can do a better job. Be open, direct and proactive. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Touch base with someone who is heading in a similar direction and share information. Lending a helping hand will spark ideas and encourage you to proceed with caution. Youngsters will offer insight by contributing an innocent point of view. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Attend a schmooze fest; you'll discover information that will help you bring about positive change. An open discussion with someone you find intriguing will lead to an offer, proposal or partnership. Someone close to you will be negative. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your charm will help you win favors when dealing with people you encounter, but it won't work so well when you are dealing with those you live with. If you stick close to home, you'll be faced with criticism and demands. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** An interesting situation will develop at home or within your circle of friends or family. Be ready to offer suggestions, but don't interfere if someone is erratic or unpredictable. You can only do so much, and your best interest should take precedence. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Share your thoughts and feelings and consider visiting someone who can shed some light on a change you face or want to make. Sticking to simple yet effective plans will help you keep a steady pace without adding stress. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can only bring about favorable change if you are willing to be open and honest about what you want to see happen. If you cooperate, the people you deal with are more likely to compromise. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your input will be valued. You'll be offered praise as well as pressure to not only make suggestions, but to do the work as well. Make it clear what you will and won't do before it's too late. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Focus on what's expected of you. Living up to your promises will be necessary if you want to avoid an emotional situation that will interfere with your plans. An offer won't be as good as it's cracked up to be. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are demonstrative, entertaining and generous. You are proactive and ambitious.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level: ★★★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Djokovic into Cincinnati final, Federer in his way again

**MASON, Ohio (AP)**—Novak Djokovic is again so close to the one title that eludes him. And the same nemesis is standing in his way, all over again.

It's a moment in time: Djokovic vs Federer for a title.

Djokovic closed in on a Western & Southern Open title with his 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Marin Cilic on Saturday. Then he watched Roger Federer advance to the finals as well when David Goffin retired in the second set with a shoulder injury.

The two tennis greats haven't faced each other in two years because of injuries. They're back for the 18th shared title match of their careers. Djokovic leads in head-to-head title matches 11-6. Djokovic leads the overall series 23-22.

Everyone knows who's favored in this one.

"It would be the greatest challenge in Cincinnati, without a doubt, because he's been dominating this tournament historically," Djokovic said.

The second-ranked Federer has won it an unprecedented seven times, going 7-for-7 in finals. Three of those wins came over Djokovic, who is 0-5 in the finals. The only player with better finals results at one tournament is Rafael Nadal, who is 11-0 in both French Open and Barcelona finals.

Federer has won 14 straight matches in Cincinnati and 17 of his last 18 sets. He's held 95 consecutive service games while dominating the tournament.

"It's great to be back in the finals, against Novak in particular," Federer said. "There's a lot riding on the match. It's great to refresh a rivalry we've had for many years."

On the women's side, No. 1 Simona Halep will play for the title a second year in a row, facing Kiki Bertens.



AP  
Roger Federer of Switzerland returns to Stan Wawrinka also of Switzerland in a quarterfinal match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, in Mason, Ohio.

Djokovic is a tantalizing one victory away from the only ATP Masters 1000 title he's never claimed. Djokovic is trying to become the first to win all nine events since the series started in 1990.

"My sixth time, I'll try to win the title," he said. "Obviously, this time I'm hoping I get my hands on the trophy."

One familiar hurdle: Federer.

The seven-time champion won the first set 7-6 (3) against Goffin, who was struggling with his serve. Goffin got medical treatment on the back of his right shoulder, and retired after the second game of the second set — 62 minutes into the match.

Now, it's on to his first Cin-

cinnati final in three years. Federer won it in 2015 but was sidelined the last two years because of injuries.

"I feel like I'm trying to defend my title from way back when," he said.

Djokovic completed his long recovery from elbow surgery by winning Wimbledon for the fourth time last month. He then set out to get his hard-court game in form for the U.S. Open.

Frustrated by his ragged play early in his semifinal win over Milos Raonic a day earlier, Djokovic slammed his racket on the court, sending pieces of the frame into the air. The racket-busting became a

turning point.

When he closed out the victory Saturday, he walked calmly to the net to congratulate Cilic and then raised both arms in triumph.

One more to go.

In the women's bracket, Halep reached the final for a second straight year, beating Aryna Sabalenka 6-3, 6-4. Like Djokovic, she's never won the title, losing both of her chances, including the title match last year to Garbine Muguruza.

Halep will be trying for her second title in eight days. She won her third title of the season last Sunday in Montreal.

"It's going to be a big challenge for me to play another

final and win it," she said.

She'll face Kiki Bertens, who advanced to her first Western & Southern final by wearing down No. 8 Petra Kvitova 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Bertens is an unexpected finalist, winning only one match during three previous appearances in Cincinnati. Her only title this season was at Charleston.

Known as more of a clay-court player, Bertens has reached a hard-court final for the first time, spending more time getting accustomed to the different style of play.

"I think also I'm less stressed," she said. "So before the match, I'm less nervous than I used to be. Before I was like,

'Oh, I play on center court and a lot of people are watching.' But now I'm just more relaxed."

A week of rain delays and double-duty days wore on players, many of whom wound up playing twice in a day. Kvitova faded in her second straight three-set match, ending her best showing in Cincinnati. She'd made five previous appearances in semifinals this season, winning each tournament.

"My legs were pretty heavy," Kvitova said. "I just couldn't really jump at all. It was very, very tiring, the second set, and I just think that I couldn't really find energy in the third one. I was really trying, but nothing."

**MADRID (AP)**—Barcelona scored its 6,000th goal in the Spanish league after another ingenious strike by Lionel Messi got its title defense off to a winning start.

Messi cleverly sent his free kick underneath Alaves' wall to open the scoring in the 64th minute of Barcelona's 3-0 win at Camp Nou Stadium on Saturday. He also closed the scoring in injury time after substitute Philippe Coutinho had added to the lead in the 83rd.

Messi's low free kick fooled Alaves' players, who jumped to intercept an expected high shot. Goalkeeper Fernando Pacheco couldn't get to the ball in time after it suddenly appeared underneath the barrier.

"Messi never fails to surprise you," Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde said.

Messi, the league's top scorer last season, had struck the

## Messi scores Barcelona's 6,000th league goal

crossbar with a free kick—this time over the wall—in the first half. He also hit the post from inside the area a few minutes after his opening goal.

Messi also scored Barcelona's 5,000th league goal back in 2009, and the Argentine provided 338 of the goals taking the total from 5,000 to 6,000.

Barcelona's first-ever league goal was scored by Manuel Parera against Racing Santander on Feb. 12, 1929.

Barcelona opened its league campaign with a win for the 10th straight season.

Messi's second goal came in the second minute of injury time, an easy shot from close range after a breakaway.

Barcelona had missed chance after chance in its league debut at Camp Nou,

which was far from packed with around 52,000 fans for the 10:15 p.m. start local time.

Ousmane Dembele, who started up front with Messi and Luis Suarez, squandered a series of chances, including a one-on-one with goalkeeper Pacheco in the first half.

Valverde brought Coutinho off the bench in the second half and the Brazil playmaker added the team's second goal after a nice play that culminated with an easy strike from inside the area.

Alaves had stunned Barcelona at Camp Nou in 2016, winning 2-1.

### Winning league start for Ronaldo

In Verona, Italy, a smile, a

wink and a thumbs-up: Cristiano Ronaldo didn't seem too perturbed at not scoring on his Juventus debut.

The 33-year-old forward appeared relaxed after Saturday's 3-2 victory against Chievo Verona and, although Ronaldo did not stop to speak to reporters, he responded with those gestures when asked how he felt his debut had gone.

His coach wasn't too troubled either.

"Cristiano Ronaldo had a good game. He had several shots on goal. Today he didn't score because clearly it was written somewhere that he wouldn't score," said Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri with a smile.

For the thousands of fans who descended on the medieval city of Verona, this was one of the rare occasions when the five-time world player of the year couldn't score.

Ronaldo had scored in both pre-season friendlies he played for Juventus since his surprise 112 million euro (then \$131.5 million) move from Real Madrid but could not find the back of the net on his competitive debut.

And it was up to Federico Bernardeschi to rescue Juventus, with a stoppage-time winner as the Bianconeri fought back from a goal down to beat Chievo and get their pursuit of an eighth straight league title off to a winning start.

Ronaldo should make his home debut next week against

Lazio and there were encouraging signs for Juventus from this game.

He linked up well with Douglas Costa, notably in the 18th minute when Ronaldo's effort went just the wrong side of the left post.

Ronaldo also fired narrowly over from a tight angle on the half-hour, while he drew several smart saves from Chievo goalkeeper Stefano Sorrentino, who is still going strong at the age of 39.

The Portugal international almost scored the winner at 2-2, but Sorrentino got down quickly to beat away his angled free kick.

"(Ronaldo) moved well at times but he wasn't picked out by his teammates," Allegri said. "He's a different footballer, you can see that. He's integrated into the team with ease."



# Pujols, Ohtani lift Angels past Rangers



**ARLINGTON, Texas**  
(AP)—Albert

Pujols keeps climbing up the career hits list and hurting the Texas Rangers in their home park.

Pujols drove in a season-high four runs, Shohei Ohtani hit a three-run homer and the Los Angeles Angels beat Texas 11-7 on a rainy Saturday night.

Pujols went 3 for 4 to tie 19th-century star Cap Anson for 23rd with 3,081 hits. His 633rd homer was his 16th in 59 games in Arlington.

"This is a tremendous offensive ballpark," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Albert swings the bat pretty well wherever he goes."

Pujols hit a solo home run in the second inning and a two-run single in the third against Rangers starter Martin Perez.

"I threw a bad pitch to Pujols, and he hit a home run off me," Perez said.

Pujols singled home another run in the seventh against losing pitcher Eddie Butler (2-3) for a 7-6 lead.

Ohtani, a left-handed batter, then came on as a pinch hitter and homered to center field before Taylor Ward hit his first major league homer to complete the five-run inning against right-hander Butler.

"Shohei coming off the bench was a huge hit," Scioscia said.

Winning pitcher Cam Bedrosian (5-2), the second of five Angels pitchers, got two outs in the sixth.

Los Angeles took a 6-2 lead with two outs in the fourth on a three-run double by David Fletcher.

Texas came back with four runs with two outs in the bottom of the inning to tie the game against Angels starter Andrew Heaney. Odor singled home a run and the second scored as Andrus struck out but reached base on a wild pitch. Adrian Beltre drove in two runs with a bloop single.

"I was frustrated," Heaney said. "In the fourth inning, a walk to the 9-hole hitter and let it snowball from there."

Odor, Elvis Andrus and Joey Gallo each had three hits for the Rangers.

With two outs and first base open, Pujols struck again in the third with his two-run single for a 3-2 lead.

"The two-out RBI, the double down the line and then the slider to Pujols in that situation where he gave up the runs," Texas manager Jeff Banister said, "it just seemed to be a lot of pitches mid-across and tight."

## **Athletics 7, Astros 1**

In Oakland, Trevor Cahill pitched one-hit ball for seven



shutout innings and the Oakland Athletics, far behind in the AL West standings earlier this summer, tied Houston for the division lead by beating the Astros.

Khris Davis, Matt Olson, Josh Phegley and Stephen Piscotty each hit two of Oakland's team record-tying eight doubles as the A's won for the sixth time in seven games. The Athletics trailed the defending World Series champion Astros by 11 1/2 games on June 24 and were still 10 out on July 10.

## **Rockies 5, Braves 3, 10 innings**

In Atlanta, Colorado struck for three runs with two outs in the ninth inning, and then DJ LeMahieu homered over the center field wall in the 10th to help beat Atlanta.

Fill-in closer A.J. Minter came in with a 3-0 lead to begin the ninth and retired the first two Colorado batters. But the Rockies followed with four straight hits off him, including a two-run double by Ian Desmond and a tying single by pinch-hitter Gerardo Parra.

## **Yankees 11, Blue Jays 6**

In New York, Giancarlo Stanton hit one of New York's four homers, and Luis Severino struck out eight while pitching into the sixth inning.

Didi Gregorius, Miguel Andujar and Greg Bird also connected as New York moved 31 games over .500, matching a season high. Andujar had three hits and three RBI, and Gregorius also drove in three runs.

## **Cardinals 7, Brewers 2**

In St. Louis, Marcell Ozuna homered, Miles Mikolas tossed six effective innings and St. Louis beat Milwaukee to slide into position for the second NL wild card.

St. Louis moved a half-game ahead of Milwaukee and within four of the first-place Chicago Cubs in the NL Central.

## **Mets 3, Phillies 1**

In Philadelphia, Mets ace Jacob deGrom pitched his first complete game of the season and lowered his major league-leading ERA to 1.71.

DeGrom (8-7) allowed only an unearned run, the result of his own error. He struck out nine and walked none.

## **Red Sox 5, Rays 2**

In Boston, David Price pitched seven solid innings, J.D. Martinez hit his major league-leading 38th homer, and Boston jumped to a quick lead to beat Tampa Bay for its 17th victory in 20 games.

Mitch Moreland added an RBI double during Boston's four-run first inning. The Red Sox improved to a season-high

52 games over .500 and maintained their 10+-game lead over the second-place New York Yankees in the AL East.

## **Mariners 5, Dodgers 4, 10 innings**

In Seattle, Cameron Maybin scored with one out in the 10th inning when Los Angeles' Dylan Floro was called for a balk, giving Seattle the win.

Seattle loaded the bases with one out, and with a one-strike count on Kyle Seager, Floro initiated his delivery before stepping off the mound. First base umpire Andy Fletcher called him for the game-ending balk. There was little argument from Floro, although Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts sought an explanation as Seattle celebrated the odd victory.

## **Marlins, Nationals 5, 10 innings**

In Washington, Isaac Galloway hit a two-run single in the 10th inning, JT Riddle homered and drove in four runs and Miami beat Washington.

The Nationals intentionally walked Riddle to load the bases with two outs in the 10th. Galloway delivered with a hit to center off Koda Glover (0-2).

Both teams scored in the ninth. Riddle's drive into the right-field stands off Nationals reliever Justin Miller put Miami up 5-4. Washington's

Adam Eaton tied it with a homer off Drew Steckenrider leading off the bottom of the inning.

## **Orioles 4, Indians 2**

In Cleveland, Alex Cobb pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in five years, and Baltimore snapped Cleveland's six-game win streak.

Cobb (4-15), the major league leader in losses, struck out three and walked one in his fourth career complete game. The right-hander threw 100 pitches, 69 for strikes, while going the distance for the first time since Aug. 31, 2013, for Tampa Bay against Oakland.

## **Pirates 3, Cubs 1**

In Pittsburgh, Joe Musgrove cruised through seven innings, and Pittsburgh beat Chicago to snap a five-game skid.

Musgrove (5-7) allowed one run on five hits with seven strikeouts. He has gone seven innings and surrendered two runs or fewer in four of his past five starts.

Pittsburgh won for the second time in eight games. The first-place Cubs had their three-game winning streak snapped.

## **Padres 7, Diamondbacks 6**

In San Diego, Christian Villanueva had a walk-off pinch-hit single in the ninth inning, and San Diego beat Arizona to

Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani (17) high-fives Albert Pujols (5) after Ohtani's pinch-hit three-run home run against the Texas Rangers during the seventh inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, in Arlington, Texas.

end a five-game skid.

Travis Jankowski led off the ninth with a walk against Andrew Chafin (1-4) and advanced to second on a ground-out by Eric Hosmer.

## **Reds 7, Giants 1**

In Cincinnati, Matt Harvey took a no-hit try into the sixth inning. Jose Peraza and Dilon Herrera backed him with home runs and the Cincinnati dominated Madison Bumgarner and San Francisco.

Scooter Gennett had three hits for the second straight night and scored three runs, Peraza had two hits and scored twice and Brandon Dixon drove in two runs with a bases-loaded double. Cincinnati sent the Giants to their third straight loss after winning three in a row.

## **Royals 3, White Sox 1**

In Chicago, Alex Gordon homered, Jorge Bonifacio had a go-ahead RBI single in the decisive sixth inning, and Kansas City rallied past Chicago.

Rookie Brad Keller pitched five solid innings for the Royals, who won for the third time in their past nine games. The White Sox had their win streak stopped at three.

Nicky Delmonico homered in the second inning off Keller (6-5), driving a changeup over the right-center field fence. That was the only blemish against Keller, who allowed seven hits, struck out five and walked none.

## **Tigers 7, Twins 5**

In Minneapolis, Mikie Mah- took hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the fifth inning, rookie Ryan Carpenter earned his first big league win and Detroit beat Minnesota.

Joe Mauer, Tyler Austin, Miguel Sano and Mitch Garver homered for the Twins, who had won four straight.

Mahtook's homer was his second of the year and came off reliever Tyler Duffey (1-2).

Carpenter (1-1) was making just his fifth major league start and first since May 31. The Twins had him on the ropes early, as the first three batters reached base, but Carpenter limited the damage and survived to pitch into the sixth.

Four relievers combined to close it out, with Shane Greene picking up the last four outs for his 26th save in 29 chances.



# Watson, Garoppolo sharp as Texans top 49ers



**HOUSTON** (AP)—After throwing just one pass in his return to game action last week, Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson was determined to stay on the field a little longer on Saturday night.

Watson used his one series to march the Texans down the field, going 5 of 8 for 73 yards, capped by a 1-yard touchdown pass to Bruce Ellington in Houston's 16-13 exhibition victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

"I guess he was 5 for 8, but I think he had three drops on the drive," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said. "I thought he did some nice things. We were able to play at a pretty good tempo and get in the end zone so that was good."

It was a much lengthier outing than the preseason opener in Kansas City, when Watson attempted just one pass in his return to game action after missing the second half of his rookie season with a torn ACL.

"I felt good just to be in a game," Watson said. "Try to get my feet wet. It was a good drive for us."

Watson's efficiency matched a nice opening drive from San Francisco's Jimmy Garoppolo, who threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Trent Taylor.

Garoppolo's night ended after his second drive when a deep pass to Dante Pettis



bounced off Pettis' hands and was intercepted by Johnson Bademosi. Garoppolo was 10 of 12 for 136 yards and said there were plenty of "simple mistakes" that the team can work on correcting before the regular season begins.

49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said he was tempted to send his first-string offense out for a third series.

"I wanted them to get going more," Shanahan said. "I didn't think our execution was great in the first game. I didn't think it was great in this game either, but I just wanted to give them more time to play."

Backup quarterbacks Brandon Weeden for Houston and C.J. Beathard for San Francisco

struggled to move the ball and the game was tied at 7 at halftime.

Weeden completed 7 of 15 passes for 50 yards, while Beathard was 10 of 17 for 82 yards.

With Texans kicker Ka'imi Fairbairn nursing an undisclosed injury, recent acquisition Nick Rose made a 32-yard field goal in the third quarter to put Houston up 10-7. Robbie Gould tied the game at 10 later in the third with a 39-yarder.

After Gould made a 41-yard field goal with 1:41 remaining, Houston third-string quarterback Joe Webb led the Texans down the field and found Vyncint Smith for a 41-yard touchdown with 27 seconds remaining.

With San Francisco down two running backs, including

starter Jerick McKinnon (calf) and Matt Breida (shoulder), Jeremy McNichols got the start for the 49ers, rushing for 28 yards on 10 carries. Most offensive starters played the first two series.

Defensively, starting cornerbacks Richard Sherman and K'Waun Williams did not play.

Texans defensive end J.J. Watt, linebacker Jadeveon Clowney, safety Tyrann Mathieu, cornerback Johnathan Joseph and several other Texans defensive starters didn't play. Offensively, starting wide receivers DeAndre Hopkins and Will Fuller did not play.

## Bears 24, Broncos 23

In Denver, Chicago quar-

AP  
Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) throws a pass against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half of a preseason NFL football game Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, in Houston.

terback Mitch Trubisky and Denver QB Case Keenum feel better about their respective offenses after starting out faster and finally moving the chains Saturday night.

"Scoring points always feels better," said Keenum, who led two scoring drives in three possessions one week after his dud of a Denver debut.

Trubisky also bounced back from a dismal debut last week by connecting with Trey Burton for his first score of the summer.

"We can find answers in this offense," said Trubisky, who's learning first-year coach Matt Nagy's philosophies. "The playmakers are going to get open. It's my job to get them the ball."

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sports under the XVI Pacific Games' calendar of events. Also included on the list are archery, athletics, basketball (5x5 and 3x3), beach volleyball, boxing, cricket, football, gold, judo, lawn bowls, net ball, powerlifting, rugby 7's, rugby 9's, sailing, shooting, squash, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, touch rugby, triathlon, vaa, volleyball, and weightlifting.

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6-4, to set up the title showdown against Lee. Marshall went on to secure the singles crown after sweeping Lee in last Saturday's finale, 6-1, 6-4.

Despite the loss, Lee managed to record a feat, as she made her fourth consecutive finals stint in the ITF Juniors Circuit dating back to May this year when she played in the Northern Marianas Junior Champions. The 16-year-old won the Saipan-hosted competition, sweeping both the singles and doubles crowns.

A little over a month after her triumph in home soil, she competed in the South Pacific Open Junior Championships and also topped the singles event. Lee remained in Fiji for her second tournament in less than two weeks and earned both the singles and doubles titles in the Oceania Open Junior Championships.

The CNMI player then took a break from tournaments, but continued to train at the regional facility in Fiji before seeing action in the Oceania Closed. She started her bid in last week's competition with

Keenum's new backup Chad Kelly threw another touchdown pass after leapfrogging Paxton Lynch, but it was Bears backup Chase Daniel who had the best night of all.

He led Chicago's fantastic finish by throwing for a pair of touchdowns in the final five minutes Saturday night to spark Chicago's come-from-behind win.

With the Broncos in control at 23-10, Lynch entered the game to a thunderclap of boos, which only increased through three drives that went nowhere.

"Well, I feel bad for Paxton, but our fans want to win," Broncos coach Vance Joseph said. "That's what it's about, it's about passion, I should say. But I feel bad for Paxton. But he has to ignore it and go play. It's professional football. No one's going to hold your hand, so he has to go out there and perform."

NMSA has asked its members to start fundraising for next year's competition, while confirmation of their participation in the regional event is expected to be made before the year ends.

In 2015, when Papua New Guinea hosted the Pacific Games, the CNMI sent a small delegation to Port Moresby, as the Commonwealth bets competed only in swimming, vaa/canoe, triathlon, sailing, and beach volleyball.

three victories via straight sets before surviving Poulis in an extended game and eventually losing to Marshall in the finals.

Marshall's had twin wins in the Oceania Closed, as she also got the doubles championship after teaming up with Ivanov in beating the Australian duo of Megan Smith and Grace Schumacher in the hard fought finale, 6-3, 3-6, 10-5.

In the boys division, Rinky Hijikata duplicated Marshall's achievement. The No. 1 seed Aussie first bagged the singles crown following a 6-2, 6-4 win over No. 6 Tristan Schoolkate. Then in the doubles finals, Hijikata paired with compatriot Ken Cavrak in downing Cihan Akay and Nikita Volonski, 6-4, 6-3.

Meanwhile, after completing her stint in the Oceania Closed, Lee headed to Australia yesterday to play in the Australian Winter International.

The tournament will run from Aug. 22 to 26 at the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre Rod Laver in Sydney and Lee is expected to vie for the singles and doubles championships against several players she faced in the Oceania Closed.

## 6 teams advance to SEDA Bud Light Cup playoffs

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Six squads had already made the cut in the B Division of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light Cup.

6JMS Strikers, 6JMS 101 Proofers, Amari's Gunners, 6JMS Predators, 6JMS Scorpion, Drunken Warriors advanced to the playoff round that will start on Aug. 27. The first three playoff games will feature the following pairings: 6JMS Strikers vs 6JMS 101 Proofers, Amari's Gunners vs 6JMS Predators, and 6JMS Scorpion vs Drunken Warriors. Jonny's Roll Sol will face Na-

ked Fish Ridin' Darryl and 6JMS Terminators will take on 6JMS Mafia I with the winners joining the early playoff qualifiers.

In other results, the top-ranked Mafia III almost absorbed an upset against fourth place 6JMS Bandits before pulling off an 8-7 win in their Fanihi Division game. The Warriors II, on the other hand, won via forfeiture over Oleai Desaten II, while No. 2 6JMS 80 Proofers subdued 6JMS Shaka, 9-6.

In the Flame Tree B Division, Real Deal beat Naked Fish DNA Jump It, 9-6; Jonny's



Serial Killaz defeated Franken Board Members, 10-5; Na'Gupu won over Creepers, 9-6; Naked Fish Ridin' Darryl overcame the Naked Fish Dartaholiks, 9-6; and Jonny's Jeam Kyodai edged 6JMS Drillers, 8-7.

For the C Division results, Jonny's Bulls Hitter topped Amari's Like a G4, 14-1; Jonny's Werpa outlasted Next, River Shots, 8-7; 6JMS Dart Vaders defeated Amaris Tavern, 10-5; and 6JMS Bulldogs downed Amaris Bull-it, 9-6.

In the Master's A Division, 6JMS Mafia trounced Amaris Nakayoshi, 13-6, while 6JMS

is entered. Dela Cruz will vie for the medal in the black belt masters (146 lbs); Cuki in the brown belt masters 3 (146 lbs); Tanzawa in the purple belt (176 lbs); Sangalang and Garcia in the blue belt (146 lbs); Taitingfong in the blue belt (141 lbs); Agda in the white belt (200 lbs); and Nuique in the white belt (146 lbs).

The younger Alvarez said they are heading into right direction as far as their preparation for next month's tournament is concerned.

"The great work ethic is there. We train everyday and we try to train two times a day. We are usually getting into our drills after a normal class so we are preparing good," he said.

With their dedication to training, the Trench Tech fighter believes they are capable of dispatching their opponents.

"One that is very effective and we use a lot is the Kimura hold and we have a pretty high percentage of winning with that move. If not, our armbar is a pretty game," Alvarez said.

151 Proofers dispatched 6JMS Pythons, 9-8.

Meanwhile, in the Saipan Billiards Association 8-Ball League, Tuesday Division, 9 11/Marianas Water defeated Amari's IT&E Destroyer, 7-6; 9/11 Wild Boyz dominated 670 Builders, 10-3; and 9/11 Straight Black routed Amari's Master's Touch, 10-3.

In the Thursday Division, Brannon's Jam Shooters conquered Amari's Intensity, 11-2; 911 8 Black Ball defeated 9 Eleven MJD Warriors, 10-3; Amari's IT&E Homeboyz beat Sand Team SCS, 10-3; 911 Titans outclassed the Assassins, 9-4.

He added that they are thankful for the opportunity to compete in a big stage as the Asian Open and he hopes they will join more high-level BJJ events to continue their improvement.

"We will keep joining all the big stage events and hopefully we get better."

The Asian Open is one of the biggest events in the Pacific region and showcases trained fighters' grappling and boxing skills. The tournament is sanctioned by the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation.

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Sangalang, Jeffery Garcia, Kier Agda, Giovanni Taitingfong, and Mark "The Dark" Nuique.

"This is the first big grappling tournament that we're going to do and it is the biggest one in Asia. This is where the top dogs are going to be at and it is going to be a big test for us," Shane added.

Shane will compete in the adult male purple belt (146 lbs), the same division Masga



# Governor’s Tourism Cup Golf Tournament Sponsors

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Joeten Motors general manager Matt Deets, fourth left, along with sales manager Ray Alvarez, service manager Calvin Yamagishi and sales consultant Tina Togawa present to Marianas Tourism Education Council chair Vicky Benavente, third left, the 2018 Nissan Rogue Sport as a hole-in-one prize for the 3rd Annual Governor’s Tourism Cup. Also in the photo are tournament director James Nelson, sixth left, and Marianas Visitors Authority’s Martin Duenas, right.



Pacifica Insurance staff members are all smiles as they hand over the ceremonial \$5,000 check hole-in-one prize for the 3rd Annual Governor’s Tourism Cup Golf Tournament to MTEC chair Vicky Benavente.



Bank of Saipan’s John Arroyo, center, presents their \$1,000 donation for the 3rd Annual Governor’s Tourism Cup to MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, fourth left. Also in the photo are, from left, Marianas Visitors Authority’s Demalynn Pagarao and Jack Aranda and tournament director James Nelson.



United Airlines staff members pose with the organizers of the 3rd Annual Governor’s Tourism Cup after committing to become one of the major sponsors for the Sept. 1 competition.



Tournament director James Nelson, right, receives from Triple J Motors Saipan sales manager Ben Lizama, fourth left, the keys of a 2018 Mazda 3i Sport Plus, which is among the hole-in-one prizes in the 3rd Annual Governor’s Tourism Cup. Also in the photo are, from left, sales associate Manning Salas and MVA’s Martin Duenas and Ray Villagomez.



IT&E director of network operations Velma Palacios, fourth left, turn over the company’s cash and merchandise donation for the 3rd Annual Governor’s Tourism Cup to MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, center.





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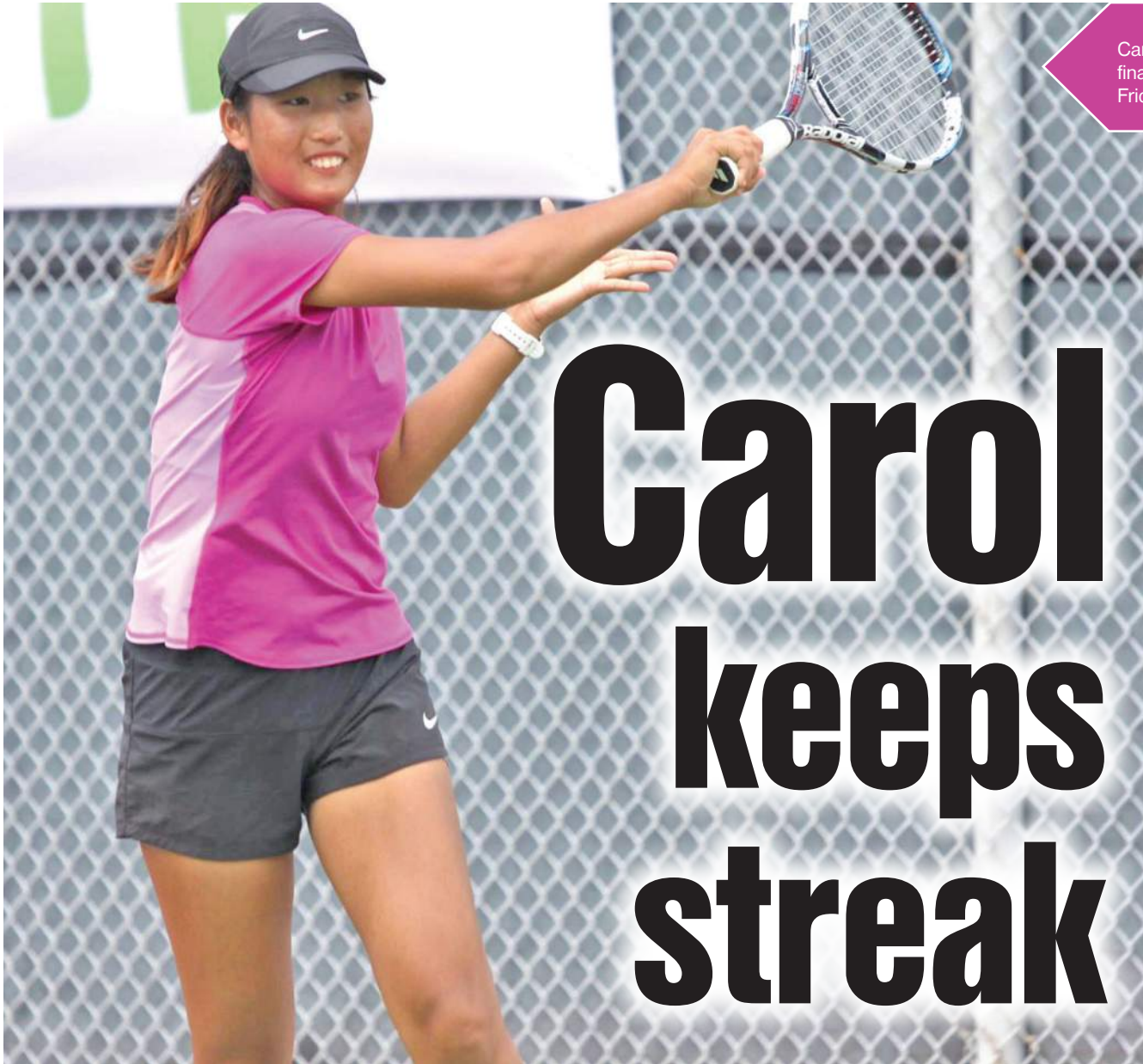
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## Carol keeps streak

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Carol Lee, seen here competing in a local tournament, made it to the finals of the Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2018 in Fiji last Friday.

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**C**arol Lee earned her fourth straight finals appearance in a world-ranking event after marching into the title game in the Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2018 in Fiji last Friday.

The CNMI junior player rallied past No. 7 seed Annerly Poulos of Australia in the semifinals to advance to the championship match against No. 3 Amber Marshalls, also from Australia. The No. 4 Lee bowed to Poulos in the opening set, 1-6, but avoided



the upset axe of the Aussie after laboring through 6-4, 7-6 (4) victories in the last two to notch the finals berth at the lower half of the 32-player singles draw.

At the top half, Marshall stunned No. 1 seed Valentina Ivanov of New Zealand, 6-1,

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## Badminton group considering Pacific Games participation

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The Northern Marianas Badminton Association is considering sending athletes to the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa next year.

NMBA president Merlie Tolentino confirmed to *Saipan Tribune* the group's interest in competing in the Pacific Games, which will take place from July 7 to 20 in Apia. Badminton, according to the revised schedule the organizers released early this month, will be played from July 8 to 13 at the Multicenter Faleata.

NMBA will release more details about its plan for the association's possible debut in a regional tournament later, as it still needs to coordinate with Northern Marianas Sports Association to determine the eligibility rules and other requirements for the quadrennial event.

If the plan pushes through, NMBA can send as many as 12 athletes to next year's competition, as the Pacific Games Council, during its general assembly in Samoa a couple of months ago, has approved to bring up the

maximum team size for badminton, from 9 to 12.

The increase, according to the council, will enable all players to compete in singles,



doubles, and mixed doubles event and maximize their value being at the Pacific Games.

NMBA's possible appearance in next year's tournament

in Samoa will also help the group prepare for the 2021 Mini Games that Saipan will be hosting.

Badminton is one of the 27  
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Jen Savellano and Almond Edralin wait for a shot from their opponents in the Northern Marianas Badminton Association-organized tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.



JON PEREZ

Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez is among the 10 Trench Tech warriors who will compete in next month's 2018 Asian IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Japan.

## Trench Tech warriors aim high in BJJ tournament

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Trench Tech Purebred Saipan competitors are aiming for no less than gold medals in the 2018 Asian IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship.



"Our goal is to get that gold. We know we are in the upper-class division so it's going to be tough, definitely. But, we are going out there to give our best and try to get that gold," Shane

"Pikaboo" Alvarez said.

Alvarez is one of the 10 Trench Tech warriors who will see action in the Sept. 7 to 9 tournament dubbed as

"Asian Open" and will be held at the Tokyo Budo-Kan in Tokyo, Japan. He will be joined on the team by his father, Cuki, Clinton Dela Cruz, Vince "The Clinch" Masga, Ken Tanzawa, Paulo

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